

## **The SIGN (Students in Greatest Need) team @COMP-Northwest**

The SIGN team and its activities are housed under the Office of Student Affairs.

The purpose of the SIGN team is to create a practice of early identification of students of concern. Early review of problematic situations can reduce the impact to students and on their classmates.

If you are a student, friend, family member, faculty, or staff member who is concerned for a student, you can alert the SIGN team by sending an email to [StudentAffairsOR@westernu.edu](mailto:StudentAffairsOR@westernu.edu)

If you are unsure about alerting the SIGN team about a student, please email the above email address and request a discussion with the Dean of Students to contact you for a preliminary discussion. Based on the information provided and the level of intervention determined, the SIGN team will determine how best to support the student.

Here are some of the ways in which the SIGN team can help a student in need:

1. Help coordinate the University/college's resources to support a student who may pose a threat to self or others or is significantly disruptive to the safety and learning of the campus community.
2. Develop action plans intended to support the student while maintaining a campus environment that is conducive to learning and advancement.

The SIGN team is composed of representatives from the following offices:

1. Office of Student Affairs
2. Office of Academic Affairs
3. Learning Enhancement and Academic Enhancement Office
4. Department of Clinical Education
5. Standardized Patient Program
6. Office of Career and Professional Development
7. Visiting members as needed

The SIGN team meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month and reviews pre-clinical grades, board exam scores, Clinical skills grades, professionalism, wellness and behavioral concerns, preparation for residency applications and other items.