INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Please read and agree to the informed consent document for career exploration.

The career exploration process is designed to encourage students to explore career path possibilities, enhance self-discovery, and further develop their own individual concept and understanding of self-identity. Career counselors work individually with each student to help identify strengths, gifts, talents, values, personality traits, and skills as they relate to making decisions about majors and career paths. Career counseling proactively promotes success for each student.

Confidentiality

We respect your right to privacy and thus keep discussions in the counseling sessions private and confidential. As a general rule, we will release information from your counseling session or counseling records only if you give us a written authorization to do so. However, due to our working relationships with other departments in the Paul L. Foster Success Center and the larger Baylor community, we are occasionally asked to confirm a student's career counseling attendance. This information is requested by professors, advisors, and other staff who refer students to our services. We do confirm the number of appointments a student has attended for those with an educational need to know (as allowed by FERPA), but no content of the sessions is released to outside parties, unless the content meets one of the other limitations to confidentiality outlined in this document. Information about appointments is never shared with any person outside of Baylor (parents, family members, etc.) unless a signed FERPA form is on file. Please direct any questions to your career counselor or the Director of Career Exploration, Pat Weaver (254-710-8239).

We are permitted to share confidential information with third parties when (a) disclosure is required to prevent clear and imminent danger to yourself or others, (b) possible child or elderly abuse or neglect is involved, (c) there is a court subpoena requesting your records, (d) you have a communicable, life-threatening disease, (e) required by federal or state law or (f) your counselor consults with a supervisor or counseling colleague. The purpose of the supervisory or consulting relationship is to assist counselors in providing the best services possible to students.

Potential Benefits and Risks

All clients have the freedom of choice as to whether they wish to enter into or terminate the counseling relationship. Though each counselor strives to encourage client growth and development in ways that foster the client’s interest and welfare, each client also has the right and responsibility of making his/her own decisions about courses of action that may be taken in conjunction with counseling.

Transfer Plan

If your counselor becomes inaccessible through death, disability or change of location, you may access your career counseling records by contacting the Office of Career and Professional Development at Baylor University. Another counselor within the department will be able to facilitate continued services or make an appropriate referral.
Staff Credentials

Pat Carney Weaver, Director of Career Exploration, holds a Master of Arts in Christian Education from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and History from the University of Richmond. She has completed postgraduate work in counseling at Georgia Southern University and Baylor University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the states of Texas. She is also an Approved Supervisor for Licensed Professional Counselors in Texas.

Amy Ames, Assistant Director of Career Exploration, holds a Master of Education degree in Counselor Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Texas Tech University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Texas and a National Certified Counselor.

Carroll Crowson, Career Counselor, holds a Master of Science in Education degree in Educational Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Business Administration from Baylor University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Texas.

Mandi Canuteson, Career Counselor, holds a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology from Tarleton State University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Baylor University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern in the state of Texas, supervised by Pat Carney Weaver, LPC-S.

Revised 7/01/2014