

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Utica College
And
Mohawk Valley Health System**

WHEREAS, the partners listed have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which Utica College will be the lead agency and the other agency will be an external partner; and

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided to the students and employees of Utica College by the collaborative; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is put into place as per the requirements of the amendment of New York State education law Article 129-B.

I) Description of Partner Agency

Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) is a not-for-profit healthcare system dedicated to serving the health care needs of those in the Mohawk Valley. MVHS is part of an integrated healthcare delivery system with a dedicated staff and state-of-the-art facilities located in Utica, NY.

II) History of Relationship

With a location that finds the two entities separated by a short distance, Mohawk Valley Health System and Utica College have a long history of collaboration in order to meet the medical needs of the students and employees of the college.

III) Roles and Responsibilities NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the partners that Mohawk Valley Health System will collaborate with Utica College in the following manner:

1. Make 24-hour emergency department services available to students and employees of the College who report sexual assault or dating violence. Those patients will be provided with medical care within the MVHS's scope of services and in accordance with hospital policies.
2. The MVHS emergency department staff shall supervise the provision of patient care and treatment at MVHS. For every patient with the complaint of sexual assault who reports to MVHS, the emergency department staff shall promptly and in a private setting, prepare the patient for a medical forensic examination. .
3. MVHS will provide examination by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner when possible. If a SANE is not available, the Emergency Department attending physician will decide if transfer to a facility that has a SANE is warranted. All reasonable efforts will be made to provide a SANE at the hospital.
4. MVHS shall provide private examination rooms and supplies necessary for the completion of medical forensic exams, and allow for heightened confidentiality throughout the sexual assault victim's care.

IV) Timeline

This MoU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from Utica College and Mohawk Valley Health System and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by either partner by mutual consent.

V) Commitment to Partnership

1. The collaboration service area includes the Mohawk Valley.
2. The partners agree to collaborate and provide services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence or dating violence.
3. We, the undersigned have read and agree with this MOU.

By Laura M Casamento
President, Laura M. Casamento
Utica College
Date 11/28/16

By Patricia Roach
Patricia Roach
Chief Nursing Officer
Mohawk Valley Health System
Date 11/14/16