## Students Seeking Help by Self-Disclosure

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## **Policy Statement**

At times students wish to voluntarily seek help for a personal problem which involves the violation of a University standard. Because grace is important to the Christian community, CU has established guidelines which apply when a student voluntarily confesses to an action of which the university has no other knowledge.

## **Policy Procedures**

- Students may request counseling from a university counselor, a willing faculty member, or the Student Services office.
- These individuals (faculty or staff) are neither obligated nor expected to share information about student's behavior with the Student Services Office.
- However, students should know in advance that there may be certain situations where the behavior involved poses such a threat to the University that confidentiality may not be possible.
- The student must cease all involvement in the activity that is in violation of University standards. Failure to do so negates all assumptions of confidentiality and may result in student discipline.
- The student must take the necessary steps for restoration, as determined by the counselor or faculty member.
- If the Student Services Office becomes aware of student misconduct via the student, the student's voluntary act of repentance and acts of restoration will be taken into account by the Director of Student Services, and if disciplinary steps are necessary, the Director of Student Services may assign a penalty less severe than the penalty outlined in the student handbook. Any reduction in discipline must be approved by the Dean of Campus and Spiritual Life.
- Going to these offices/individuals does not void an investigation or discipline that may be ongoing or that may be discovered via information received through other channels.