Sexual Misconduct Prevention: Virtual Training for Students

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POLL QUESTION

Does your institution currently provide sexual misconduct prevention training to students?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not Sure
How prepared are your students to navigate difficult situations related to sexual misconduct?

1. **VERY PREPARED**
   No additional training needed

2. **SOMEWHAT PREPARED**
   They could benefit from additional training

3. **NOT PREPARED AT ALL**
   They have not received training

4. **NOT SURE**
OUR MISSION

Combine the science of learning, the art of conversation, and the power of virtual human simulations to measurably improve social, emotional, and physical health.
CURRENT HIGHER EDUCATION SIMULATIONS

- Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Military Cultural Competency
- Sexual Misconduct Prevention for Students

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ON CAMPUS – CURRENT LANDSCAPE

2019 AAU Study

- Rates for women, TGQN* and undergraduate students being significantly higher than for men and graduate/professional students. **25.9% of undergraduate women** report sexual misconduct. “1 in 4” statistic is still truer than ever.

- Among undergraduate TGQN students, **65.1% reported experiencing harassing behavior since first enrolling at the school**, 21.5 percent with partners reported intimate partner violence (IPV) and 15.2 percent stalking. Among undergraduate women 59.2, 14.1 and 10.0 percent experienced harassing behavior, IPV and stalking, respectively.

The **current virtual landscape** lends itself to experiences surrounding **online harassment** and stalking, **disclosing previous instances** of sexual misconduct/sexual violence now in the comfort of not seeing the other individual/group, **new trauma and continuous anxiety** in homes where domestic violence might occur.

*TGQN represents the Trans, Gender Queer and Gender Non Conforming Student Community from the AAU Campus Climate Survey in 2019.*
“Colleges and universities must continue to educate students about how to report sexual assault and misconduct...we now know that schools should continue to concentrate their educational efforts and resources on incoming first-year undergraduate students, since they are clearly more vulnerable to sexual assault and misconduct than their older classmates.” – President Mary Sue Coleman

Key Areas of Prevention

- Continued emphasis in training for new students (including transfer students)
- Consent and healthy relationships both in person as well as virtually
- Navigating Domestic Violence Resources during COVID
- Better Serving Marginalized Student Identities In Prevention Education (e.g., Trans* communities, students of color, first generation students, non-traditional students, etc)
WHAT IF...
every student gained the knowledge and skills to navigate difficult situations related to sexual misconduct in a safe practice environment?
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION FOR STUDENTS

75-min interactive, self-paced and evidence-based simulation

Learning Objectives

Understand the importance of preventing sexual assault and recognize warning signs

Analyze strategies for intervening and how to respond effectively in situations where peers have been affected by sexual violence or misconduct

Differentiate between on- and off-campus resource services, and know when and how to refer peers

Determine when consent has or has not been given, and how to ask for, give, and not give sexual consent
CONTENT STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

MODULE 1: OVERVIEW
Didactic: Sexual Misconduct
Check for Understanding

MODULE 2: BYSTANDER INTERVENTION
Didactic: Bystander Intervention
Scenario: Preventing an Assault
Dashboard
Ideal Path
Check for Understanding

MODULE 3: WHAT IS CONSENT?
Didactic: Consent
Scenario: Getting Consent
Didactic: Dynamic Feedback
Dashboard
Ideal Path
Check for Understanding

MODULE 4: SUPPORTING THE VICTIM
Didactic: Where to Find Help
Scenario: Helping a Friend
Dashboard
Ideal Path
Check for Understanding

MODULE 5: STAYING SAFE
Didactic: Next Steps
Check for Understanding

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION: VIRTUAL TRAINING FOR STUDENTS
You are introduced to your virtual coaches Alex and Malcolm, and learn about the elements of sexual misconduct.
Directions: Select which option or options would be best.

A student was sexually harassed by her boss at her off-campus job. She wants to discuss options for protecting herself against further harassment.

- Title IX coordinator
- Campus security
- Title IX coordinator and campus security

Both the Title IX coordinator and campus security are great options. Even though the incident happened off campus, the student can get support from the Title IX coordinator. Campus security is also a good option since they’re available 24/7. Both can refer you to other on- and off-campus support.
Bystander Intervention

Logan and Sara
You’re at your friend Abby’s party and see Logan getting handsy with Sara. Sara seems too drunk to give informed consent.

How do you help?

Goal
Assuming the role of a bystander at a party, the user must navigate a situation where a fellow student is pressured to drink even though they are too drunk to give informed consent.

The coaches explain the three D’s of bystander intervention: delegate, distract, and direct.
Helping a Friend: Feedback

Overall Result

When Becky revealed she’d been assaulted, she felt like you blamed her. This made it hard for her to listen when you started talking about support options.

You did a pretty good job of letting her pick which option most likely seek out help because of your support.

There For Her

There was a moment you showed Becky you were there for needed. You said:

"I'm so sorry. That's awful."

You also said:

"Were you drinking? Was Tom?"

When a friend tells you something like this, it's natural to what happened. But this sounded like you were blaming hear you believe her and support her.

Listen

There was a moment when you gave Becky space to share what she wanted to. You said:

'Do you wanna talk about it?'

You also said:

'Wait, back up... tell me exactly what happened.'

That pushed her to share and it made her uncomfortable. Instead of pushing her, show you're there to listen.

Discussion Options

Discuss Counseling

You said, "You need to see a counselor." It's fine to bring up suggestions, but make sure you let Becky lead this conversation. Only she can decide what options are best for her.

Then you followed it up with, "If you don't see someone, things could get worse. You don't want that." Pressuring her doesn't help her make a good decision. Instead, she needs help finding information. Then support her in whatever she chooses.
CHECKING FOR CONSENT

The coaches explain how consent must be informed, enthusiastic, and continuous.

Kate

It’s hard to know what your partner is thinking. Learn how to make sure consent is informed, enthusiastic, and informed.

Goal

Users practice checking for consent, recognizing when consent is taken away, and reacting appropriately.
HELPING A FRIEND

Becky

Becky seems upset after seeing her ex, Tom. Becky isn’t herself. You want to check in with her.

Goal

Users practice responding effectively to friend who is a victim of sexual assault, suggesting support options

The coaches explain on- and off-campus resource services available to victims of sexual misconduct.
STAYING SAFE

The coaches talk about some tips and tools to stay safe. They also talk to users about recognizing the warning signs of abusive behavior.
EVIDENCE-BASED
Real world results from more than 100,000 faculty, staff, and students who engaged with a Kognito simulation

USER SATISFACTION
90% would recommend to colleagues
92% rate as “excellent/very good”
90% report scenarios are realistic representations of those they engage with in real-life

COMPETENCY
Statistically significant increases in reported preparedness and self-efficacy to recognize, approach, and discuss a referral with students exhibiting signs of distress (3-month longitudinal data)

BEHAVIOR CHANGE
Users report a 45%-70% increase in the number of students they approach to discuss mental health concerns and referral to support services
82% of students report that due to the simulation they would self-refer if they ever experience psychological distress
90% report scenarios are realistic representations of those they engage with in real-life

These findings are supported by peer reviewed publications:
- Fordham University Publication in the Journal of Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior published by American Association of Suicidology
- West Virginia University Publication in the Journal of American College Health

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FEATURES

**PRACTICE-BASED**
Role-play conversations in realistic scenarios (on bystander intervention, consent, and supporting a victim) that keep students engaged.

**COMPLIANT**
Includes content required by law and is consistent with student training requirements under the Clery Act, the Campus SaVE Act, and Title IX guidelines. Customize your own list of campus Title IX policies and resources.

**IMPACT MEASUREMENT**
Admin tools allow for easy usage tracking to monitor compliance. Customizable pre/post surveys support program evaluation.

**DEVELOPED BY EXPERTS**
Content created with input from Title IX legal experts, sexual assault prevention leaders, instructional designers, and real students. Includes diverse examples of sexual orientation and gender identity.

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Q & A

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