

# **UPEI SU endorses implementation of new Student Support Program**



*New program will offer 24/7 counseling support  
to students*

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The UPEI Student Union is pleased to endorse the University of Prince Edward Island's implementation of the new Student Support Program (SSP)

"The implementation of the new student assistance program is a significant step forward for the University, and a sign that the University is taking student mental health seriously." said UPEI SU President Lucas MacArthur.

The new student assistance program will offer support on a variety of topics, from financial to personal, to academic counseling. Further, the program will also offer that counseling in a variety of modes of delivery, including face-to-face counseling where needed through national partnerships.

"The Student Support Program (SSP) will allow students to access a variety of supports in a variety of ways," added MacArthur. "These new supports will be in addition to current on-campus supports for mental health."

"The UPEI Student Union has been vocal on campus about the need for additional mental health supports. This program is a manifestation of our efforts - and other successes include the establishment of the UPEI Mental Health Committee."

The program will be available to students beginning on September 1st.

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