How We Are Developing a Comprehensive & Mandatory 4-Year Sexual Violence Prevention Experience

**Why?**

Sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and harassment are a concern both nationally and at Dartmouth, with members of our community being deeply affected by the behavior of others. In order to shift the culture and prevent harm, we need to do something drastically different.

As one part of President Hanlon’s Moving Dartmouth Forward (MDF) initiative to address high risk drinking, sexual assault, and a lack of inclusivity, he announced that we would “introduce a comprehensive and mandatory four-year sexual violence prevention and education program for all undergraduate students.”

The development of this four-year experience is known as the Sexual Violence Prevention Project (SVPP).

**What?**

A comprehensive and mandatory four-year sexual violence prevention experience. Each of us play an important role in shaping the culture on campus. SVPP is intentionally being designed to change the Dartmouth culture by helping students cultivate and strengthen positive behaviors and build the necessary knowledge & skills to:

1. Utilize Resources & Support those who have experienced sexual violence,
2. Develop Positive Relationships & Positive Sexual Behavior,
3. Engage Respectfully with others Across Difference by understanding identity & power,

And
4. Intervene by Checking-in or Stepping-in along the spectrum of harm to prevent sexual violence.

While multi-faceted, the SVPP is only one piece of a larger strategy to prevent sexual violence at Dartmouth.

**How?**

To provide a comprehensive and effective experience, students will engage with multiple SVPP components each year that align with the four outcomes and build upon the knowledge and skills acquired in previous years.

SVPP Methods:

- Research based, theory-driven, and culturally relevant
- Created in collaboration with students
- Timed with students’ intellectual, cognitive, and social development
- Infused into a variety of existing social structures (can include academic integration)
- Inclusive of varied teaching methods to account for different learning styles (in-person, online, and will include independent learning opportunities)
- Focused on active skill-building
- Opportunities for students to reflect, discuss, connect, and put their learning into intentional and meaningful action

Increase Positive Behaviors

To reduce sexual violence by developing positive relationships, engaging respectfully across difference, checking-in & stepping-in, and utilizing resources & supporting others, SVPP focuses on leadership, application, and introduction.

Leadership

Role Model & Empower Take Action

Application

Context, Nuance, & Complexity • Impact on Others

Introduction

Foundational Knowledge • Shared Language, Vision & Values Expectations & Responsibilities • Rights, Rules & Resources

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Sexual Violence Prevention Project (SVPP)

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Multi-Phase Development & Implementation

- Phase 1: Development & Design 2015
- Phase 2: Project Planning 2016
- Phase 3: Pilot Testing 2017
- Phase 4: Launch 2018
- Phase 5: Assess & Evaluate 2019

Implementation Timeline

- Winter 2016 Development & Design
- Spring 2016 Project Planning
- Summer 2016 Pilot Testing
- Fall 2016 Launch
- Spring 2017 Assess & Evaluate

4-Year Framework

First-Year Experience (FYE)

- Core Experience: COMMUNITY
- Focus Areas: Prevention, Education, Leadership
- Classes & Workshops: Social Justice, Equality, Empowerment
- Coursework: Intensive, Experiential Learning
- Competencies: Communication, Critical Thinking, Wellness

Sophomore/Junior Year

- Core Experience: COMMUNITY
- Focus Areas: Application, Reflection
- Classes & Workshops: Community Service, Public Policy
- Coursework: Electives, Internships
- Competencies: Analysis, Collaboration, Innovation

Senior Year

- Core Experience: COMMUNITY
- Focus Areas: Leadership, Engagement
- Classes & Workshops: Leadership Development, Global Leadership
- Coursework: Capstone Projects, Research
- Competencies: Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Community Engagement

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