

Bill 166, Strengthening Accountability and Student Supports Act
Student Mental Health

Reporting period - May 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025, as reported to the Brock University Board of Trustees on June 26, 2025.

On February 26, 2024, the Ontario government introduced Bill 166, Strengthening Accountability and Student Supports Act, 2024. Bill 166 received Royal Assent on May 16, 2024. This legislation amended the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act (“the Act”) with new requirements for Ontario’s publicly assisted colleges and universities to have policies that describe the programs, services and supports available with respect to student mental health; with additional requirements for communicating the policy, and for annual reporting to the Board of Trustees and the Ministry.

Mental Health Reporting

The Student Wellness and Accessibility Centre (SWAC) has reviewed our current programs, services and supports and determined that our existing SWAC/University student mental health offerings are in alignment with the expectations of the legislation. The [Student Wellness and Accessibility website](#), which includes range of available resources,

was updated to include a [Student Mental Health Policies and Services section](#). SWAC is in the process of further improving both content and structure of this website to benefit accessibility and clarity. We are also reviewing student engagement on the website to help better understand ways to enhance the site.

SWAC consistently reviews and adjusts our services to ensure they meet the needs of Brock students. Our mental health services are in line with the mental health directive to provide evidence-informed care, and we utilize multiple avenues to ensure Brock students are informed about the services available to them. We collaborate with various departments in the Brock community as well as within the broader Niagara community to better meet the unique needs of our students. Students have options for mental health support that meet their diverse needs, both on and off campus.

Further to SWAC's commitment to understand the evolving needs of our student population, we delivered the Canadian Campus Well-Being Survey from March 25, 2024, to April 26, 2024; prior to the assessment directives and requirement(s) set out by Bill 166. Student response rate for the survey was 15.8 percent and provided us with important insight about our Brock community and the services we offer. We will continue to administer this survey, which will provide us with comparable data and benchmarks

that will aid us in adapting services based on student feedback.

We will continue to review our data collection processes in SWAC to align with the goals for future reporting set out in Bill 166.