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The Personal Needs of a Counselor

A counselor's work is listening to other people's stories or discussing their problems, whether they are a stranger, family member, or friend. The choice to develop in this profession may stem from different factors, such as benevolence, altruism, or even egoism. The reason may be a passion for problem-solving, a wish to impact someone's life, a desire to be in control, or an urge to care for others. Whatever the motivation of a counselor is, they have to maintain professionalism with their patients and balance the stories of others with their own mental health.

Most counselors strive to perform their work by first ensuring that their physical health and mental and spiritual self-care are well catered for. After that, a counselor develops his or her psyche and self for the practice with the integral aim of meeting his or her client's needs.

Arguably, counselors should not ignore their self needs, as they are fundamental in building the passion and profession to care for others.

Working as a therapist requires a person to provide empathy to their clients. The profession also demands that the practitioner sits for long hours, listening to people's stories and becoming part of their emotionally difficult tales. Even though clients do not necessarily give back the empathy, a counselor must be an outlet to provide relevant therapy based on a client's stories. Ideally, the values of this profession are the unconscious motivations inherent in people who work as therapists. Commonly, the experience of a counselor is that without the strong personal need to care for oneself and others, it is easier for a practitioner to end up depleting his

or her skills and passion to the extent that they have no more empathy to give.

Counseling requires that a practitioner has his or her personal desire to be needed. The choice of becoming a psychotherapist may be driven by multiple factors, with personal motives and personality patterns being rooted in his or her past experiences and the dynamics of the counseling environment.

There has been a significant increase in the number of people who require counseling. Admittedly, the fact that there is increased number of people with either psychological or mental problems opens the discussion of the importance of counseling and the demand in professionals in this field. However, a counselor's involvement is not limited to the demand in the profession and unfolds in the personal interests in their patients' improvement. In counseling, clients might not need to call for professional services if the counselor does not emotionally attune to them and if they are not available for them. The passion to appeal to clients' network, attune to their emotions, and be readily available when they need help is the ultimate balancing act in the counseling profession. Without a doubt, attuning to clients, keeping a strong connection with them, and answering their call whenever needs arise, enhances a counselor's experience and makes them demanded professionals.

To conclude, counseling is a noble profession, and success in it depends on the practitioner's ability to remain authentic and emotionally attuned to offer care to others and be readily available when he or she is needed. It is through effective development of these personal needs of a counselor that a patient's healing and growth are ensured. A counselor's self-care is a critical component to the usefulness of counseling: it is necessary that a counselor nourishes his or her wellness before he or she provides care to another person. When our counseling profession is driven by strong personal needs, we can easily connect with clients, remain attentive to them,

and make their wellness a priority.