

# BUILDING YOUR RESILIENCE

*adapting well in the face of stress & adversity*

Student Counselling Unit  
Mental Health Awareness Series  
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## Build Connections

Find trustworthy and compassionate individuals who can **validate your feelings**, are a source of **moral** and **practical support**.

Be active in civic **groups**, faith-based communities, or other organizations provides **social support** & can help you reclaim hope.

**Be proactive:** acknowledge where you are at but also ask yourself "*what can I do about this situation in my life?*".

Break things down into **manageable pieces**.

Develop **realistic goals** & move towards them regularly, even if it seems like a small accomplishment.

Keep things in **perspective**. Identify areas of irrational thinking & adapt a more balanced & realistic way of thinking.

Accept that **change is a part of life** & **learn from your past**. Focus on what is within your control.

**Be positive.** Maintaining a hopeful & optimistic outlook empowers you to expect good things.

## Embrace Healthy Thoughts

## Purpose, Values & Strengths

Practice **self-care**.

Cultivate **positive lifestyle** factors such as good eating habits, ample sleep, hydration, and regular exercise.

**Avoid negative outlets** such as alcohol, drugs, or other substances.

## Foster Wellness



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- For more info or **self help** resources, check the Student Counselling Unit website: <https://www.up.ac.za/student-counselling>
- For **Academic Support**, consult with your Faculty Student Advisor
- For **24 hour support**, call the UP Careline on 0800 747 747
- For **therapy/counselling**, email [studentcounselling@up.ac.za](mailto:studentcounselling@up.ac.za)

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