Sense of Belonging Scale - University

Rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements in relation to university or college.

At my university or college,	Never 0	Sometimes 1	Often 2	Always 3
1. I feel included.				
2. I feel valued.				
3. I feel cared about.				
4. I feel accepted.				
5. I feel respected.				
6. I feel needed.				
7. I feel supported.				

Instrument reference

Stallman, H. M. (2020). Sense of Belonging Scale - University. Maroochydore, Qld: University of the Sunshine Coast

Purpose

Sense of Belonging is one of the seven modifiable domains of health and wellbeing [1, 2]. The Sense of Belonging Scale assesses a person's overall sense of belonging. The Sense of Belonging – University assesses the sense of belonging a student feels at university or college, which is one component of their overall sense of belonging.

Scoring

- A total score is the sum of items 1 to 7.
- Total scores range from 0 to 21.
- Higher scores equal a greater sense of belonging.

Validation references

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