

Self-care plan:

Health professionals

Name:

Caring for others can be rewarding. However, staff working in aged care look after many people who die. You might find this loss hard to accept. You might find it hard to sleep, no longer enjoy your work, or feel tired. This can affect you and your family. Self-care is what we do to maintain balance in our life.

A self-care plan based on what you like to do can help. We have suggested a few things that you could try, but what you choose will depend on you.

Workplace self-care: Activities to help you at work

Some examples

Regular meetings with supervisors or a more experienced colleague

Join a support group with the people you work with

Attend training programs

My activities:

Physical self-care: Activities that help you to stay fit and healthy

Some examples

Develop a regular sleep routine

Aim for a healthy diet

Take lunch breaks and go for a walk

Get some exercise before/after work regularly

My activities:

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Psychological self-care: Activities that help you to feel clear-headed and able to engage with workplace and personal challenges

Some examples

Keep a reflective journal

Seek regular meetings with supervisors or a more experienced colleague

Turn off your email and work phone outside of work hours

Make time to be with friends and family

My activities:

Emotional self-care: Allowing yourself to safely express your emotions

Some examples

Develop friendships that are supportive

Write or think of three good things that you did each day

Play a sport and have a coffee together after training

Talk to your friends about how you are coping with work and life demands

My activities:

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Spiritual self-care: Develop a sense of perspective beyond the day-to-day of life which can include religion, but it is not always about religion

Some examples

Engage in reflective practices like meditation

Go on walks to connect with nature

Go to church/mosque/temple

Do yoga

My activities:

Relationship self-care: Maintain healthy, supportive relationships, and ensure that you are not only connected to work people

Some examples

Prioritise close relationships in your life eg, with partners, family and children

Attend the special events of your family and friends

Arrive to work and leave on time every day

My activities:

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