

Supporting the Academic Success of Pregnant and Parenting Students

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects students in all academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic, and other programs or activities of schools. This includes prohibiting discrimination against pregnant and newborn-parenting students. Specifically, Title IX prohibits schools from excluding a pregnant student from participating in any part of an educational program, including the admissions process, attending classes, and completing coursework. This prohibition applies to all university policies, including the practices of individual instructors.

So that they will not be disadvantaged in their courses of study or research, reasonable academic accommodations can be granted to students affected by pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, and childbirth. Accommodations may include alternatives for making up missed work and exams and/or alternative assignments to make up for class participation points or attendance requirements.

For further information, including those regarding the obligations of Clarion University or those of instructors in regard to this issue, please contact Ms. Amy Salsgiver, director of social equity, asalsgiver@clarion.edu or Dr. Susanne Fenske, Title IX Coordinator, sfenske@clarion.edu.

Assistance with Accommodations:

Dr. Christina Hearst, disability support services: hearst@clarion.edu or 814-393-1981

Lactation Room:

Clarion Campus: 110 Gemmell Student Complex

Venango Campus: 224 Montgomery Hall

To File a Complaint:

www.clarion.edu/complaint

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Ms. Amy Salsgiver: asalsgiver@clarion.edu

Additional Resources:

Clarion University Pregnancy and Parenting Resource Initiative <http://www.clarion.edu/student-life/health-fitness-and-wellness/pregnancy-and-parenting-resources-initiative.html>

U.S Department of Education: *Know Your Rights: Pregnant and Parenting Protects You from Discrimination at School* (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-know-rights-201306-title-ix.html>)

Title IX Basics: The Pregnant Scholar <http://www.thepregnantscholar.org/title-ix-basics/>