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National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences
Guidelines on Ensuring the Right to Education of Pregnant Students and
the Provision of Counseling and Assistance

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Article 1. These guidelines were created by the National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences (hereinafter referred to as NTUNHS) in accordance with the *Guidelines on Ensuring the Right to Education of Pregnant Students and the Provision of Counseling and Assistance* and the *Guidelines on the Division of Labor in Ensuring the Right to Education of Pregnant Students and the Provision of Counseling and Assistance* in order to fulfill Article 14-1 of the Gender Equity Education Act and provide counseling and treatment to pregnant students.

Article 2. These guidelines are applicable for the following students (hereinafter referred to as the target students):

1. Students who are pregnant or were pregnant until they received an induced abortion, experienced a miscarriage, or put their child up for adoption.
2. Students who are parents.
3. Students who require the safeguarding of their right to education as well as counseling and assistance because their spouse or partner is pregnant or was pregnant.

Article 3. The target students' right to education involves the following accommodations:

1. Flexibility when applying for leave.
2. Flexibility in the handling of their performance assessments.
3. Retention of their admission qualification
4. Extension of the term of their studies.
5. Suspension of studies that do not count toward the prescribed length of their program.
6. Other accommodations to ensure the student's right to education is upheld.

The target students may notify the university of their pregnancy status and

requirements (see Appendix 1 for the survey form); minor students who are pregnant or who are parents may apply for a referral for individual case services (see Appendix 2 for the referral form) or use other social welfare resources.

Article 4. To create a friendly campus environment that does not discriminate against target students and that is diverse and equitable, all academic and administrative bodies at NTUNHS shall pay attention to the following matters:

1. Campaigns and training on issues relating to the right of pregnant students to education and affective education shall be incorporated into the relevant courses, educational activities, assemblies, and seminars to increase positive attitudes such as empathy, acceptance, and care toward the target students among faculty, staff, and students. NTUNHS shall hold at least one relevant campaign or training session each academic year.
2. The target students may not be asked, explicitly or implicitly, to take leave, suspend their studies, transfer to another education institution, or withdraw from their studies because they are pregnant, were pregnant in the past, or have children.
3. The NTUNHS constitution and rules and regulations on performance evaluations and assessments shall confirm the inclusion of accommodations such as flexibility when applying for leave, flexibility in the handling of performance assessments, the extension of the term of study, and suspension of studies that do not count toward the prescribed length of a program to help the target students complete their studies; however, if the law provides otherwise, these restrictions do not apply.
4. Campus facilities shall be improved to provide the target students with friendly and safe learning environments.
5. The target students may not be discriminated against or unlawfully punished; other inappropriate measures or resolutions may not be made against the target students.

Article 5. To consolidate resources, NTUNHS has applied a division of labor to ensure the right to education of pregnant students and to provide counseling and assistance (Appendix 3) and assigned tasks based on the functions and powers of the administrative bodies and guidance bodies to enable the joint assistance of target students.

When a target student is identified, in accordance with the NTUNHS procedure for ensuring the right to education of pregnant students and the provision of counseling and assistance (Appendix 4), the target student shall be notified of counseling and assistance resources inside and outside NTUNHS that protect their right to education. The target student shall also be offered the student pregnancy and requirements survey to fill out and submit. If the target student is a minor, NTUNHS shall immediately activate a task force to assist them; the same shall apply for adult students who notify the NTUNHS of having the same needs as minors.

Article 6. The task force mentioned in the previous paragraph shall comprise the Vice President of NTUNHS (who shall also act as the convener), the Dean of Student Affairs, the Dean of Academic Affairs, the Dean of General Affairs, the Head of the Student Guidance Division, the Head of the Student Counseling Center, the dean of the target student's department, the target student's counselor, and one member of the gender equity education committee as ex officio members; if necessary, NTUNHS administrative bodies and external experts may be invited to act as committee members. The Student Counseling Center shall be the single contact that consolidates resources inside and outside NTUNHS and provides services according to the needs of the target student.

Article 7. When NTUNHS becomes aware that a student is pregnant, the university shall report any student whose circumstances require mandated reporting in accordance with the Protection of Children and Youths Welfare and Rights Act, the Child and Youth Sexual Exploitation Prevention Act, the Sexual Assault Crime Prevention Act, the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, or other relevant laws.

Article 8. NTUNHS may budget the necessary funds or request subsidies from educational administration authorities to provide target students with counseling and diverse and appropriate education.

Article 9. The progress of cases relating to ensuring the right to education of pregnant students and providing them with counseling and assistance shall be reported during gender equity education committee meetings; a summary of the cases shall be submitted to the Ministry of Education at the end of each academic year.

Article 10. Matters not addressed in these guidelines shall be handled in accordance with the Ministry of Education's *Guidelines on Ensuring the Right to Education of Pregnant Students and the Provision of Counseling and Assistance* and other relevant NTUNHS regulations.

Article 11. These guidelines and their amendments shall be implemented following approval at the Administrative Meeting.