

Title IX and Pregnancy

Your Rights

- Absences must be excused if your doctor deems them medically necessary. This is true even if there is no leave policy for students with other conditions.
- The school must allow you to return to the same academic and extracurricular status you were at when you began your medical leave, and must allow you to make up any work you missed.
- Professors can't refuse to accept work after the deadline if you missed it due to pregnancy or childbirth.
- The school must allow you to participate in classes and extracurricular activities without a doctor's note unless the school requires all students with physical and emotional conditions to provide a doctor's note.

If you believe you are being discriminated against due to being pregnant, you can contact Judy Vanderburg to file a Title IX complaint.

For assistance, go to Abby's House, WUC 106 or contact Abby's House by email at abbyshouse@wou.edu

Contact Information

Abby's House at WOU:
503-838-8219

**Student Health and
Counseling Center:**
503-838-8313

**Judy Vanderburg, Title IX
Coordinator:**
503-838-8490

**WOU Office of Disability
Services:**
503-838-8250

**Gary Dukes, VP for Student
Affairs:**
503-838-8221

WOU Financial Aid Office:
1-877-877-1593

Planned Parenthood Salem:
1-888-576-7526

Marion County WIC:
503-588-5057

Polk County WIC:
503-623-8175 Ext. 2297

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PREGNANCY AND WOU

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A guide to the rights of pregnant students and a brief overview of resources both in the community and at Western.

HELP AND INFORMATION

What you need to know



Help From WOU

- The Student Health and Counseling center provides pregnancy tests, contraception and counseling.
- The Office of Disability Services can provide special furniture in your classrooms
- If you need to miss finals or an extended amount of class time due to pregnancy or childbirth, contact Gary Dukes, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Off Campus Resources

- WIC is a supplemental nutrition program designed to provide food essentials such as milk, peanut butter, tuna, formula, and eggs to children, infants, people who are pregnant, or people who have recently given birth. Contact your Department of Human Services for more information.
- Planned Parenthood is able to provide pre-natal care on a sliding scale.

Pregnancy changes how you will fill out your FASFA. If you are providing at least half of your baby's financial support, the child can be listed as your dependent on your FAFSA.

However, a child or pregnancy alone does not qualify you as an independent on your FAFSA. If you are unmarried and will be under 24 on December 31st of your base year and are still supported by your parents, you are considered a dependent of your parents under FAFSA. If you are married you are considered independent.

If you need help understanding how to file changes with your FAFSA contact the Financial Aid Office.