

# Directions on Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right to Education and Counselling Assistance, Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology

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1. The present Directions are established to realize regulations related to the Gender Equity Education Act and the Enforcement Rules for the Gender Equity Education Act and actively safeguard pregnant students' right to education.
2. "Students" in the present Directions refers to general students, pregnant students, students with a history of pregnancy (abortion, miscarriage, and placing a child for adoption), and students with children.
3. The University provides necessary assistance in accordance with the appendices of the Ministry of Education's Directions on Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right to Education and Counselling Assistance, namely the "Notes on Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right to Education and Counselling Assistance" and the "Procedures for the Directions on Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right to Education and Counselling Assistance."
4. The following principles and allocation of duties shall be followed when handling incidents involving pregnant students:
  - (1) Upon discovering the pregnancy of an underaged student of the University, the Student Career and Counselling Center (hereinafter referred to as "the Center") shall immediately form a taskforce comprising the University President as the convener, the Center Director as the executive secretary, and the directors of the academic divisions and supervisors relevant to the case student's learning as ex officio members. When necessary, a spokesperson may be appointed and the emergency handling mechanism activated. Pregnant students who are already adults or married may seek assistance from the Center regarding pregnancy-related needs.
  - (2) The Center serves as the sole contact for student pregnancy incidents, and a dedicated mailbox managed by dedicated personnel (Address: The Career and Counselling Center, No. 880, Sec. 2, Jianguo Rd., Hualien City, Hualien County), hotline (Phone: 03-8572158 ext. 2387), fax (03-8578543), and email (dadsc12@tcust.edu.tw) have been setup for pregnant students to actively seek

assistance with dignity and their privacy intact.

5. The University provides necessary assistance to safeguard pregnant students' right to education through the following measures:
  - (1) The University shall implement educational sessions or activities related to Gender Equity Education and sex education so that students develop a health attitude toward sex and sexual behavior and acquire knowledge related to avoiding unintended pregnancies; in addition, it shall teach teachers, students, and parents to be accepting and caring toward students with pregnancy or with children, to safeguard the right to education of students with pregnancy or with children.
  - (2) The University shall include awareness promotion and training on the prevention, handling, and reinforcement of knowledge related to student pregnancy in relevant educational activities and workshops.
  - (3) Students may not be treated unfairly, or asked to suspend schooling, transfer, or withdraw from school or take a long leave of absence, implied or otherwise, on the grounds of pregnancy or with children. Students encountering discrimination or unjust treatment by the University may apply for an appeal or assistance in accordance with the Gender Equity Education Act or other related regulations.
  - (4) The University shall adopt flexible measures according to the relevant regulations, such as those on student status and grade assessment and evaluation, to assist students with pregnancy and children to complete their course of study.
  - (5) The University shall integrate educational, social policy, labor, health and medical, and police department resources to provide pregnant students and those with children with counseling, referrals, placement, healthcare, employment, family support, financial safety, legal assistance, and diverse adaptive education.
  - (6) The University shall improve its equipment and facilities to provide pregnant students and those with children with a friendly learning environment.
  - (7) The University shall raise related funding or seek subsidies from the Ministry of Education for organizing counseling for students with pregnancy or children and diverse adaptive education.
  - (8) The "Record Form for Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right to Education and

Counselling Assistance” should be filled in when providing guidance and assisting pregnant students to build a complete record; in addition, professional ethics should be maintained and the privacy of students with pregnancy and children respected.

- (9) The University shall report in accordance with relevant regulations when informed of a student pregnancy that complies with relevant regulations for reporting.
  - (10) The University shall regularly compile and report the handling of student pregnancies to the Ministry of Education in accordance with the Ministry’s official documents. The yearly outcomes of student pregnancy events must be filed and stored for future reference.
  - (11) The University shall safeguard the rights to education of students with children and incorporate necessary guidance items into University affairs plans, effectively enforcing them and creating a truly friendly, discrimination-free, and equal campus environment.
6. The present directions shall be implemented upon approval by a University Affairs Meeting, the Gender Equality Education Committee, and an Administration meeting, as well as the approval of and promulgation by the University President Office; the same applies for revisions.

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## Procedures for Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right to Education and Counselling Assistance, Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology

