

Yuan Ze University Guidelines for Protecting Educational Rights and Providing Counseling Assistance for Pregnant Students

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Article 1 To implement the Gender Equity Education Act and to provide guidelines for various departments and offices of Yuan Ze University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) in protecting and assisting pregnant students’ right to education, the University has established these Regulations.

Article 2 These Regulations apply to students, including regular students, those who are pregnant or have been pregnant (due to abortion, miscarriage, or child adoption), and students whose spouses or partners are pregnant, have been pregnant, or have children.

Article 3 The rights and benefits for applicable students are as follows:

1. Flexibility in taking leave, handling academic assessments, retaining admission status, extending study periods, and not counting the period of leave towards the total allowable leave duration, as well as other educational rights. This is subject to other regulatory provisions.
2. Applicable students may report their pregnancy status and needs to the University (Attachment 1) and apply for referrals to utilize other relevant social welfare resources if they are pregnant or have children under three years old (Attachment 2).

Article 4 The University’s teaching and administrative units shall provide necessary assistance based on the Ministry of Education’s guidelines on the protection and counseling for pregnant students’ right to education, as outlined in the attachments: “Guidelines for the Protection and Counseling for Pregnant Students” and “Process for the Protection and Counseling for Pregnant Students.”

Article 5 When handling cases involving pregnant students, the following principles and proper division of labor shall be followed:

1. Faculty and staff who become aware of a student’s pregnancy must report it and immediately establish a task force (Attachment 3), with the Dean of Student Affairs serving as the convener. The task force should include heads of offices and departments closely related to the student’s academic work and learning environment. A spokesperson may be designated if necessary, and the school’s division of labor mechanism will be activated (Attachment 4). Students with related needs due to pregnancy can apply for assistance at the University’s designated service window, following these regulations.
2. A dedicated email (stdept@saturn.yzu.edu.tw), phone number (03-4638800 ext. 2235), and hotline (03-4354294) managed by designated personnel are available to ensure that pregnant students can seek help while maintaining privacy and dignity.
3. Teaching and administrative units must complete the “Yuan Ze University Record of Protection and Counseling for Pregnant Students” (Attachment 5) when providing guidance and assistance to pregnant students, establishing a complete record while adhering to professional ethics and respecting the privacy of pregnant students or those with children.
4. The handling of such cases should be included in the work reports of the Gender Equity Education Committee meetings and an overview of the protection and counseling for pregnant students should be reported to the Ministry of Education

at the end of each academic year.

Article 6 Teaching and administrative units should implement gender equity and sex education courses or activities to cultivate healthy and safe sexual attitudes and behaviors among students, teaching them to avoid unintended pregnancies. They should also encourage acceptance and care among campus faculty, students, and parents towards pregnant students and those with children, to actively protect their right to education.

Article 7 Teaching and administrative units should improve campus facilities to provide a friendly and safe learning environment for pregnant students or those with children and offer counseling and diverse, suitable education for them.

Article 8 Faculty and staff must not make inappropriate decisions based on a student's pregnancy or parental status, nor should they explicitly or implicitly demand that students take a leave of absence, transfer, withdraw, or take a long leave. Students facing discrimination or inappropriate treatment from the school can file a complaint through the aforementioned dedicated email, by the Gender Equity Education Act or other relevant regulations.

Article 9 These Regulations shall be implemented after approval by the Administrative Meeting, and any future amendments shall follow the same process.

In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese and English versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.