

## Information for Pregnant Students and Nursing Mothers

The first priority of Indiana University Northwest is student success. At IU Northwest, pregnant students are provided the same special services as those available to all students who have a temporary medical condition. IU Northwest is responsive to a student's temporary pregnancy status by making reasonable adjustments to her regular program. In addition, a student's absence because of pregnancy or childbirth will be excused for as long as the student's doctor deems the absence medically necessary. When the student returns, she will be able to maintain the academic and extracurricular status she had before her medical leave began. Examples of temporary adjustments to a regular program include access to a larger desk, frequent trips to the bathroom and temporary access to elevators.

To support students, faculty and staff who are breastfeeding mothers, IU Northwest has clean and secure privacy rooms on campus. These rooms are available for use during hours that the buildings are open. The locations are:

- Hawthorn Hall, #197A
- Arts and Sciences Building, #1033

Pregnant students seeking temporary program adjustments or other information about support services may contact Beth Tyler, Dean of Students, at [tylerb@iun.edu](mailto:tylerb@iun.edu) or 219-981-5660.

To request approval for a medically necessary absence contact Student Support Services at [ssernw@iun.edu](mailto:ssernw@iun.edu) or 219-980-6798.

Additional information on the rights of pregnant students under Title IX can be found at U.S. Department of Education Brochure – Supporting the Academic Success of Pregnant and Parenting Students – <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>

U.S. Department of Education Dear Colleague Letter - 25 June 2013 – <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201306-title-ix.pdf>