

## TITLE IX@TLU

#### **CAMPUS RESOURCES**

TLU Counseling and Disability Services

- Dr. Marlene Moriarity
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#### **TLU Campus Pastor**

- Kara Stewart
- Center for Servant Leadership
- Ph: 830-372-8160 or 830-372-8161
- Email: kstewart@tlu.edu

#### TLU Health Center

- Cathy Anderson RN, BSN
- Clifton Apartment
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- Email: canderson@tlu.edu

#### TLU Residence Life

- Eric Booth
- Alumni Student Center suite 107
- Ph: 830-372-8066
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- Can assist with on campus family housing options

#### TITLE IX COORDINATOR

#### Dr. Bernadette K. Buchanan

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Any questions regarding TLU's pregnant and parenting policy please contact Dr. Buchanan.

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## Pregnant or Parenting?

# Title IX Protects You From Discrimination At School.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 bans sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities. Title IX regulations require that pregnant and parenting students have equal access to schools and activities, that all separate programs for pregnant or parenting students be completely voluntary, and that schools must excuse absences that are due to pregnancy or childbirth for as long as is deemed medically necessary by the student's physician.

What to do if you become pregnant: At Texas Lutheran University, we want to help you achieve your academic goals. You should know that many students have traversed through these same life transitions successfully, and we are here to assist you with any questions you have about academic success.

What if your partner becomes pregnant: Obviously, you won't be affected by physical changes associated with pregnancy. However, you should know that Title IX also protects you from being discriminated against because of your partner's pregnancy or your status as a parent.

Who can help you: We encourage you to find someone trusted within our institution that can help you navigate through the numerous decisions you will encounter. Our institution has a number of people that are equipped to help you, such as our Counseling and Disability Services, Campus Nurse, Campus Pastor, Athletic Department, representatives from Student Life and Learning and the Title IX Office.

### Tips on avoiding unexcused absences

- Build your academic schedule to accommodate your medical appointment schedule.
- Schedule a meeting with individual professors within the first two weeks of classes to discuss the upcoming semester.
- PRIOR to missing a class, send an email from your TLU email account to let your professor(s) know you will be absent.
- Missing a class without giving the professor prior knowledge does not constitute an excused absence, unless a doctor's note is provided.

Adapted from: US Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-know-rights-201306-title-ix.html">https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-know-rights-201306-title-ix.html</a>; NCAA.org Pregnancy and Parenting Student Athlete Handbook Statement; Healthy Teen Network (06 October 2015). Public policy recommendation: Ensure pregnant and parenting student access to education.