

*Understanding*

# TITLE IX

*Student Training*



**NORTHEAST**  
WI Technical College

**At NWTC,**

*we strive to maintain an environment free from discrimination and harassment so that all students and employees can be successful.*

*In higher education, as in other industries, we must abide by several federal and state laws tied to protected classes. Title IX is one such law.*

*This document will provide you with an understanding of Title IX and NWTC obligation to address sex discrimination, scope of conduct constituting sex discrimination, including definitions and information sharing requirements.*

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**Please note that this training covers difficult topics and situations, including sexual assault and discrimination.**

**Specific examples may contain explicit content and language. Supportive resources can be found at [nwtc.edu/TitleIX](https://www.nwtc.edu/TitleIX).**

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# The Purpose of Title IX

NWTC is committed to providing a workplace and educational environment, including the many benefits, programs, and activities it offers its students and employees, free from sex discrimination in any form. To ensure compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including, without limitation, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and its implementing regulations ("Title IX"), and to affirm its commitment to promoting the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of the educational enterprise, NWTC has developed and enacted the policy linked below to make clear that discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual harassment and retaliatory conduct related to sex-based harassment, alleged or proven, will not be tolerated.

## NWTC's Policy

### **NWTC Title IX - Sex Discrimination Policy applies to our:**

- College community
- Students and employees
- Non-college community
- Vendors, visitors, guest speakers, etc.

### **And covers:**

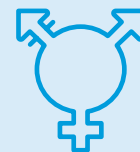
- All NWTC campuses, centers, and associated locations (e.g., a clinical site).
- Any College-sponsored events, programs, or activities, even if off-campus.



### **Scope of Protection**

Sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, is prohibited in all NWTC programs and activities or as otherwise prohibited. Sex discrimination is discrimination on the basis of sex stereotypes, pregnancy or related condition, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Forms of sex-based harassment include quid pro quo, hostile environment harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking.

Title IX impacts students, employees, contractors, and visitors at educational institutions.



*No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.*

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 Implementing Regulations at: 20 U.S.C. § 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106

## **Sex Discrimination**

*is discrimination on the basis of:*

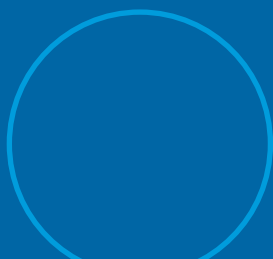
- **Sex stereotypes**
- **Sex characteristics**
- **Pregnancy or related conditions**
- **Sexual orientation**
- **Gender identity**



## **Sex-Based Harassment**

*is a form of sex discrimination. Sex-based harassment includes:*

- **Quid pro quo**
- **Hostile environment**
- **Sexual assault**
- **Dating violence**
- **Domestic violence**
- **Stalking**



## Quid pro quo harassment (“this for that”)

When an employee, agent, or other person authorized by NWTC provides an aid, benefit, or service under NWTC’s education program or activity, that explicitly or impliedly conditions the provision of that aid, benefit, or service on a person’s participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

**Example:** *An instructor asks a student out for a drink and says, “If you come out with me, I’ll give you an A.”*

## Hostile environment harassment

Unwelcome sex-based conduct that, based on the totality of the circumstances, is subjectively and objectively offensive and is so severe or pervasive that it limits or denies a person’s ability to participate in or benefit from NWTC’s education program or activity (i.e., creates a hostile environment). Whether a hostile environment has been created is a fact-specific inquiry that includes consideration of the following:

- A. The degree to which the conduct affected the complainant’s ability to access NWTC’s education program or activity.
- B. The type, frequency, and duration of the conduct.
- C. The parties’ ages, roles within NWTC’s education program or activity, previous interactions, and other factors about each party that may be relevant to evaluating the effects of the conduct.
- D. The location of the conduct and the context in which the conduct occurred.
- E. Other sex-based harassment in the recipient’s education program or activity.

## Specific offenses

- A. **Sexual assault** meaning an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
  
- B. **Dating violence** meaning violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of the following factors:
  - a. The length of the relationship.
  - b. The type of relationship.
  - c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
  
- C. **Domestic violence** meaning felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a person who:
  - a. Is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction of the recipient, or a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim.
  - b. Is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner.
  - c. Shares a child in common with the victim.
  - d. Commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction.
  
- D. **Stalking** meaning engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:
  - a. Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others.or
  - b. Suffer substantial emotional distress.

# Pregnancy and Related Conditions

Title IX protections and accommodations are available for pregnancy and related conditions. However, under the law and our policy, these terms have very specific meanings. It does not include parental bonding, childcare issues, or caring for a sick child.

## Under Title IX, a pregnancy or related conditions means:

- Pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation.
- Medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or lactation.
- Recovery from pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation, or related medical conditions.

## Pregnant students and those with related conditions have the right to:

- Remain in college.
- Receive appropriate accommodations based on medical need.
- Have access to equal educational opportunities.
- Be free from any negative comments or harassment.

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**61%** *who have children after enrolling in community college fail to finish their degree, which is 65% higher than the rate for those who don't have children.*

**OF WOMEN**

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## Reasonable Modifications for Pregnant and Parenting Students

Pregnant or parenting students who register with NWTC Title IX Team may be eligible for a variety of reasonable modifications. Alleged and presumed partners are also eligible for some reasonable modifications under our policy. Reasonable modifications must be made and approved by Title IX Team and reasonable modifications are not retroactive.



**To begin planning for your pregnancy and due date, connect with our Title IX team.**

Self-identify as a pregnant student by contacting our Title IX Team:

**TitleIXinfo@nwtc.edu**

or

**920-498-6390**

(Kelly Schumacher)

or

**920-498-6932**

(Dawn Rentmeester)

You can refer yourself to the Title IX Team for Pregnancy and Related Conditions. Simply scan the QR code before to complete a referral in Starfish.



Visit our website for more information:

**[Pregnancy Resources](#)**

# What does this mean for me?

Nearly all College employees have a duty to report allegations of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation unless exempted from doing so.

NWTC's Licensed Professional Counselors and healthcare professionals within Campus Care are confidential employees. That means that what you tell them cannot be shared (except in limited circumstances including suspected child abuse or threat of harm to others).

Having employees as mandatory reports is NWTC's commitment to getting our community members the information and resources they may need to make informed decisions about next steps, if they want to take any.

Are you a student AND an NWTC employee? If you are working and learn of an allegation, it is your duty to report the allegation.



## Employee Reporting Requirements

Employees are mandated to report instances of gender discrimination and sex-based harassment to the Title IX team, unless designated as a confidential resource by the College.



## Supporting Disclosure

Employees are encouraged to provide clear information about their reporting duties to individuals who may be about to disclose incidents of sexual assault, ensuring that the reporter is aware of the reporting process and available confidential resources.



## Confidential Resources

The College designates Healthcare professionals within Campus Care and NWTC licensed professional counselors as confidential resources, providing individuals with options for confidential support and guidance.



# Obligation to Respond



## Support Resources

Individuals who experience sex-based discrimination can access confidential resources to discuss their options, rights, and experiences in a safe and supportive environment.



## Filing Incident Reports

Report a concern ONLINE 24/7 or contact the Title IX coordinator or deputy coordinator(s) to file an incident report, ensuring that appropriate steps are taken to address the situation.



## Zero Tolerance Policy

The College upholds a zero-tolerance policy against unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, emphasizing the potential disciplinary actions for such behaviors, including termination or expulsion.

## File a Title IX-related complaint with, or give verbal notice to:

### **DAWN RENTMEESTER**

*Talent and Culture Project & Compliance Partner/Title IX Deputy Coordinator*

920-498-6932

dawn.rentmeester@nwtc.edu

### **JOHN GRANT**

*Associate Vice President of Student Affairs/Title IX Coordinator*

920-498-6984

john.grant@nwtc.edu

### **KELLY SCHUMACHER**

*CARE and Conduct Case Manager/Title IX Deputy Coordinator*

920-498-6390

kelly.schumacher@nwtc.edu

## Report online using the reporting form posted at [Online Incident Reporting Form](#).

Such a report may be made at any time, including during non-business hours, by using the telephone number or email address, by mail to the Green Bay campus main office addressed to a Title IX Coordinator, or online.

*Let's work together to keep NWTC a safe,  
inclusive place for all people to learn and work.*

**Thank you!**

**Title IX Team**

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**To further your understanding of NWTC's Title IX (Sex Discrimination) policies as well as Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment guidelines, click the link to continue your professional development by completing the [Understanding Title IX and Civil Rights - Student Training](#) course. This course also provides proactive bystander training**

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