

HISTORY OF THE NURSING MOTHER'S ROOMS

In fall 2013, the Women's Commission engaged in discussions with students, faculty, staff and administrators about the opportunities to create private spaces on campus to accommodate nursing mothers.

The Commission worked with professionals in Facilities and Planning to identify campus locations and the furnish them to provide a private, comfortable and inviting space for nursing mothers on our campus.

Several spaces were identified, and the first rooms were established in the Pence Union Building and Showalter Hall. Rooms in Patterson Hall and Williamson Hall are also now open and additional rooms may be added in the future.

Each room currently open is outfitted with comfortable seating, a power source, sink and locking door.

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Reducing the barriers for breastfeeding mothers by enabling students, staff and faculty to transition back to work or school and continue breastfeeding their child.

EWU's Women's Commission

THE MISSION OF THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE STATUS AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF WOMEN AND PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY IN THE EWU COMMUNITY.

Created in 1988, the Women's Commission recognizes the diverse experiences of women and the intersection of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, nationalities and religion. In addition, the Commission advocates, recommends and monitors policies, initiatives, resources and other issues that are central to a safe, equitable and inclusive climate for all women on campus. The Commission is an advisory committee to the president.

This mission is achieved through:

- serving as a conduit for information between the administration and the EWU community by making recommendations directly to the President on issues that have particular relevance for women including, but not limited to campus safety, sexual harassment, gender violence, childcare, equity, access, retention and advancement;

- identifying and removing institutional barriers that limit equal opportunities and advancement;
- reviewing and assessing the campus climate and current university programs and initiatives relative to gender equity and advancement of women;
- fostering an awareness, understanding and recognition of the potential, contributions, special challenges and many roles women play in the EWU community; and
- recommending policies, strategies, programs, and activities that promote gender equity at EWU and facilitating the implementation of them.

The Women's Commission meets at least twice per quarter and meetings are open to all university students, faculty, and staff.



NURSING MOTHER'S ROOM LOCATIONS

Pence Union Building (PUB)

Located on the walkway next to the Eagle Market and across from the Multi Purpose Room (MPR).

To access the lactation room in the PUB, please go to the PUB Administration office (PUB 212) or the customer service desk in the Bookstore to get a n access code.

Patterson Hall L231B

Located on the side of the building facing Tawanka.

Showalter Hall 202

Located to the right of the main doors to the auditorium. This room also serves as a staff lounge.

Williamson Hall 100A

When you enter the main doors of Williamson, turn left followed by an immediate right.