

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The University of West Florida (University) is an equal opportunity employer and educational provider committed to a policy of non-discrimination for any member of the University's community on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veterans' status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, or any other legally protected group status. This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, volunteers, visitors, applicants, and contractors in a manner consistent with applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, orders, and University policies, procedures, and processes.

In pursuing its mission of excellence as a learner-focused university, the University strives to create and maintain a harmonious, high-performance work and educational environment. Conduct that discriminates, harasses, or intimidates by threat is contrary to this commitment. Further, workplace behavior that is disruptive to the operations of the University or that impairs workplace discipline interferes with this mission.

It is the University's expectation that all members of our community are provided equitable opportunities to succeed and enrich the strength, skill, and character of the University. It is also expected that all members of our community will help create a work and educational environment that promotes fairness, respect, civil discourse, and trust, free from discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.

The University will continue to reinforce its commitment of non-discrimination to all groups protected by local, state, and federal law. We will continue to monitor our methods of recruitment, retention, and advancement of qualified faculty, staff, and students as prescribed by federal and state guidelines to measure whether our campus is reflective of the community we serve.

The University further recognizes that discriminatory or harassing behavior may create an intimidating or hostile environment that interferes with the University's mission. As a result, the University has established internal complaint procedures available to all who believe their experience on any of our campuses has been less than appropriate.

To facilitate university-wide compliance, the Equal Opportunity Coordinator position has been created to develop, administer, and coordinate university-wide initiatives and complaint investigations. This will be accomplished through collaboration with the Title IX Coordinator, the Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs, the Athletics Department and all University divisions, colleges, and departments.

Questions should be directed to the EO Coordinator at eop@uwf.edu or 850-474-2694.