

**Goldfarb School of Nursing (GSON) at Barnes-Jewish College
Student Experience and Development Policies/Procedures**

TITLE: Breastfeeding Policy – GSON Students

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Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students who breastfeed are provided with an environment that recognizes and supports their needs. This policy is consistent with Missouri and Federal law.

- A. GSON offers support to students during breastfeeding and/or milk expression and recognizes the health benefits that breastfeeding provides to newborns.
- B. Students should communicate their need for a lactation room to their Academic and Student Support Advisor and/or faculty member who will provide the student information for room access.
- C. A dedicated lactation space is located on each GSON campus site. Clinical faculty will work to identify a place within the clinical environment dedicated to breastfeeding and/or milk expression.
- D. Housekeeping staff will provide standard daily cleaning of rooms used for breastfeeding.

Procedure

- A. After a student informs an Academic and Student Support Advisor or a faculty member of their desire to make use of a lactation room, the Advisor/faculty member will give the student information to access the designated breastfeeding location.

Breastfeeding locations:

Duncan Campus Site: Exam room 251, located on the second floor. The student will be provided with access to this room as needed. A key and sign can be obtained from the Officer at the Security Desk located on the first floor. Signage will be provided to indicate the need for privacy.

West Campus Site:

West Campus Site: Two *Employee Maternal Nutrition Lounge* locations are available for students.

1. First floor, across from the gift shop near the volunteer services offices.
2. Ground floor, near the cafeteria. Both locations have several bays for multiple moms to use at one time. The doors into the lactation spaces have a code to open the doors **6006**. Academic and Student Support Advisors will have the code to provide to students. If additional assistance is needed, the facilities are located on the ground floor by the cafeteria.

Clinical Site:

Each agency may have a predetermined location that will be made available by working with the clinical faculty member.

- B. The student should bring all necessary equipment and ensure that it is properly cleaned and maintained. Students shall store personal equipment in a secure place, such as a personal locker.
- C. If refrigeration is required, contents should be clearly labelled.
- D. Students should report any problems or concerns immediately to their Academic and Student Support Advisor or a faculty member.