

GENDER EQUALITY SDG5

5.6 Women's Progress

5.6.4 - Does your university as a body have accessible childcare facilities for students that allow recent mothers to attend university courses?	Yes	Free
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The University recognizes that the pursuit of higher education can be particularly challenging for women, especially for those who have recently given birth or are raising young children while completing their studies. Balancing academic responsibilities with parental duties often creates emotional, physical, and financial burdens that may hinder mothers from fully participating in their academic journey. Understanding these challenges, Pangasinan State University has taken proactive steps to create a nurturing and supportive learning environment that empowers student-mothers to continue their education without compromising the welfare of their children.

In line with this commitment, PSU has established accessible childcare facilities to cater to the needs of recent mothers enrolled in the University's various programs. These facilities serve as safe and child-friendly spaces where the young children of students may be cared for while their mothers attend lectures, laboratory sessions, seminars, and other university-related activities. Staffed by trained caregivers and supervised by competent personnel, the childcare centers provide an environment conducive to early childhood development through play-based learning and social interaction. The setup also ensures that children are kept in a secure, hygienic, and nurturing space within the university premises.

Consistent with Republic Act No. 9710, otherwise known as the Magna Carta of Women, the University acknowledges its responsibility to institutionalize gender mainstreaming in all its systems and processes. The law mandates that government institutions, including state universities and colleges (SUCs), implement programs that eliminate discrimination and promote women's participation in development. PSU's initiative to provide accessible childcare services thus aligns with this mandate and concretely manifests the University's Gender and Development (GAD) commitments.

Through the active efforts of the Gender and Development (GAD) Office, the University continuously strengthens its mechanisms to ensure that women, including student-mothers, are given equal opportunities to access quality education and to thrive within the academic community. The presence of childcare facilities within the campus serves not only as a support system but also as a symbol of PSU's advocacy for gender equality and social justice. It recognizes that enabling women to pursue their education contributes to a more empowered, knowledgeable, and productive citizenry — a vision that directly supports national development goals.

The Childcare and Learning Center is located at the Gender and Development Office, PSU-Lingayen Campus.

