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3.02 Gender Discrimination Policy

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Policy Statement

The Georgia Health Sciences University prohibits the use of gender preference in all employment practices, including advertising, recruiting, hiring, salary determination, leaves of absence, and retirement.

This policy applies to all units of the Georgia Health Sciences University

and at all times.

Reason For Policy

State and federal laws exist to prevent job discrimination based on gender. This policy is in compliance with all state and federal laws, rules, orders and regulations regarding gender discrimination, and complies with federal laws affecting discrimination when conflicts occur with state or local laws.

Entities Affected By This Policy

All units of the Georgia Health Sciences University are covered by this policy.

Who Should Read This Policy

All employees of the Georgia Health Sciences University should be aware of this policy. All employees who are involved with hiring other employees must be aware of and follow this policy.

Contacts

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^{14&}lt;sup>th</sup> Amendment Civil Rights Act 1964, Executive Order 11246

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Overview

The use of gender preference in all employment practices of Georgia Health Sciences University is prohibited. The institution strictly adheres to this formal policy and practices equal employment opportunity measures for both sexes.

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Process/Procedures

Hiring Practices

Georgia Health Sciences University prohibits the use of gender preference when advertising for, recruiting, and hiring new employees. No positions exist at Georgia Health Sciences University with any *bona fide* occupational requirements based on gender. There are, however, positions with job-related, physical qualifications as pre-requisites; these pre-requisites are not gender-based nor are they utilized to provide a basis for discriminating against applicants of a particular sex. Marital and parental statuses are not factors in employment or in consideration of employment at Georgia Health Sciences University.

Leave of Absence

All institutional policies regarding leave of absence apply equally to all employees regardless of gender. Employees availing themselves of sick leave incidental to pregnancy or childbirth are permitted to work as long as verified medically by a competent medical authority, and they can return to work using the same standard. No mandatory time limits exist for such leave. Employees using sick leave incidental to pregnancy or childbirth are reinstated at such time as they are medically certified to return to work in their regular position. The institution's policies do not permit penalties on reinstatement.

Retirement

Retirement benefits are offered to all employees without regard to gender.

Salaries

Salaries are determined without regard to gender.

Complaints

Those employees who feel that they have been discriminated against on the basis of gender should contact the AA/EEO office immediately.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities each party has in connection with ARSA Policy 3.02, Gender Discrimination Policy, are:

Director AA/EEO Office	To ensure that gender discrimination does not exist at Georgia Health Sciences University
AA/EEO Specialist	To ensure that gender discrimination does not exist at Georgia Health Sciences University

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