Centralia College Creates Lactation Room for Nursing Mothers

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Centralia College recently opened a lactation room to provide students and employees who are nursing a private space to feed their infants.

The space, located in Washington Hall Room 204, has a mini-refrigerator, seating, side table and electrical outlets for breast pumps.

A card reader was installed that unlocks the door using ID cards of scheduled users to ensure privacy.

The room, formerly a private office, was converted after a student asked for a private place to nurse her baby. She asked the college to comply with Title IX requirements. It opened last quarter, and a few breastfeeding mothers have already used the area.

“We have had some positive feedback on the creation of the room and providing a space and support for nursing and lactating mothers,” Julie Ledford, vice president of Human Resources and Legal Affairs, said in a press release.

Current students and employees at the college who are nursing can schedule use of the room by calling the facilities, operations and maintenance office at (360) 736-9391, ext. 218.

More information on the lactation room and guidelines for use can be found at www.centralia.edu or by calling human resources at (360) 736-9391, ext. 285.