The Mothers Nursing Suite
Department of Student Affairs

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Located in Room 04, across from the Mehegan Classroom on the lower level of the Gutensohn Osteopathic Health and Wellness Clinic, the Mothers Nursing Suite is designed to provide privacy, comfort, convenience, and appropriate amenities for nursing mothers and their babies, such as private nursing areas, a refrigerator, and a limited number of lockers. This includes ATSU students and employees and their spouses/partners and alumni who are doing residency training in the Kirksville area, including their spouses/partners.

The Mothers Nursing Suite is sponsored and administered by the Department of Student Affairs in cooperation with A.T. Still University's Human Resources Department. Contact Student Affairs to obtain the link to the online request form.

Twice a year those who are using the Suite will receive the link to an online survey and asked to provide their constructive comments about the Suite. This feedback is carefully reviewed and used to determine any changes that might be needed.

The lockers, which are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, are designed to store necessary items for mothers who regularly use the Suite. An online request form must be completed by the requestor and returned to the student affairs generalist who assigns lockers and issues lock combinations—call 660.626.2236 or email mothersnursingsuite@atsu.edu to check availability. A locker can be checked out for up six months and it is renewable.

The student affairs generalist is responsible for the management of the Mothers Nursing Suite, under the auspices of the Department of Student Affairs. If there are any questions on becoming a participant or assistance is needed, please call 660.626.2236 or email mothersnursingsuite@atsu.edu.

The Suite is available at 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday–Friday.

Guidelines

The following guidelines have been developed for those utilizing the Mothers Nursing Suite:

- The Suite is for women only.
- Children age four and under may accompany their mother in the Suite; however, children are expected to be reasonably quiet and not left unattended.
- Furniture or equipment should not be moved, removed, or added. Please contact the student affairs generalist if you have a request.
- Access to the Suite is by key code. This code will be given to those approved to use it. In order to enhance security and privacy, approved users must not give the code to others. The code will be changed and a new code issued to participants annually or more often, if needed.
- Security personnel periodically check the Suite. They will knock before entering.
- The refrigerator in the Suite is for storage of breast milk and related perishable nursing supplies, only. Breast milk must be stored in a sealed container with the mother’s name and the date of storage clearly labeled on the outside of the container. Milk must be removed from the refrigerator after two days. No other items may be stored in the refrigerator.
- Those who store milk in the refrigerator do so at their own risk. ATSU is not responsible for the refrigerator’s contents and reserves the right to dispose of contents at any time.
- It is the responsibility of those who use the room to clean up after using it and to assist in keeping the Suite neat and organized. ATSU Environmental Services staff regularly cleans the Suite.
- Those using the Suite are asked to notify Student Affairs in a timely manner when they no longer need to use it.