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### 1. Non-Discrimination Commitment

- HEALTHCARE TRAINING INSTITUTE prohibits discrimination based on protected categories such as race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, disability, age, religion, and more.
- Discrimination includes both direct unfavorable treatment and policies that disproportionately affect protected groups.

#### 2. Title IX Protections

- Title IX prohibits sex-based discrimination in admissions, employment, and educational programs.
- This includes protections for pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex stereotypes.
- HEALTHCARE TRAINING INSTITUTE must provide equal access and accommodations for pregnant and parenting students.

#### 3. Prohibited Conduct

The policy defines and prohibits:

- Discrimination
- Discriminatory Harassment
- Sex-Based Harassment (including quid pro quo and hostile environment)
- Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking
- Sexual Coercion and Exploitation
- **Retaliation** against individuals involved in reporting or investigations.

# 4. Reporting and Response Procedures

- Employees are required to report Title IX violations involving students.
- Reports can be made to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Coordinator.
- HEALTHCARE TRAINING INSTITUTE will respond to all reports, offer supportive measures, and may initiate investigations even without a formal complaint.

### 5. Resolution Options

There are three resolution pathways:

- Support-Based Resolution: No formal complaint needed; focuses on accommodations.
- **Agreement-Based Resolution**: Requires a formal complaint; parties agree on outcomes without a finding of responsibility.
- **Investigation & Decision-Making**: Formal process with evidence review, findings, and possible sanctions.

# 6. Title IX Hearing Procedures

- For Title IX Prohibited Conduct, a live hearing is conducted.
- Parties may have advisors, submit evidence, and question witnesses through their advisors.
- A Hearing Officer determines responsibility and sanctions.

# 7. Appeals

• Parties may appeal dismissals or determinations based on procedural error, new evidence, or bias/conflict of interest.

### 8. Additional Provisions

- Academic Freedom is protected but must not infringe on others' rights.
- Confidentiality is respected, but not guaranteed in all cases.
- Supportive Measures are available to both complainants and respondents.
- Sanctions range from warnings to dismissal or termination depending on severity.