

**Division of Student Affairs**  
**Act 943 Action Plan**  
**2021-2022**

Objective	Action/Activity	Target Dates	Results
<p><b>1. Provide unplanned pregnancy prevention education for incoming students through new student orientation programs (both freshmen and transfer)</b></p>	<p>Reviewed curriculum to be incorporated into new student orientation programs for freshmen and transfer students. Reviewed virtual content to be used for an in-person session or virtual session due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Train student orientation leaders to teach material during small group sessions and large group settings.</p> <p>Present curriculum to incoming freshmen and transfer students during fall and spring orientation.</p>	<p>Ongoing with updates to content and heavy emphasis on development of new programs each June and July of the year.</p> <p>June/July 2021 new programs were developed for 2021-2022 academic year.</p> <p>August 2021 and January 2022 (As needed for new peer educators or RA training)</p> <p>August 17-18, 2021; January 7, 2022</p>	<p>Curriculum incorporated into new student orientation programs. Content included information on resources available at the ATU Health and Wellness Center related to pregnancy planning, birth control and abstinence, statistics for Arkansas related to teen and unplanned pregnancy, and statistics related to the impact unplanned pregnancy has on successful completion of a college degree.</p> <p>Student leaders were provided training on Act 943 and content to be covered with new students.</p> <p>896 freshmen attended fall 2021 orientation. 12 freshmen attended spring 2022 orientation. 85 transfer students attended fall 2021 orientation. 37 transfer students attended spring 2022 orientation. Small group sessions were hosted for all orientation sessions.</p>

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<p><b>2. Integrate medically accurate (as determined by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists) course content regarding the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, including abstinence education, into academic courses</b></p>	<p>Review curriculum to be incorporated into TECH 1013 (Principles of Collegiate Success) and TECH 1001 (Orientation to the University)</p>	<p>July 2021</p>	<p>Curriculum incorporated into TECH 1013 and TECH 1001 academic courses. Content included information on resources available at the ATU Health and Wellness Center related to pregnancy planning, birth control and abstinence, statistics for Arkansas related to teen and unplanned pregnancy, and statistics related to the impact unplanned pregnancy has on successful completion of a college degree.</p>
	<p>Review assignments for TECH 1013 and TECH 1001 on the topic of prevention of unplanned pregnancy</p>	<p>July 2021</p>	<p>Optional assignments were provided for course instructors to teach issues related to unplanned pregnancy prevention.</p>
	<p>Curriculum and optional assignments/homework to TECH 1013 and TECH 1001 program director to be incorporated into course curriculum for delivery in fall 2020, spring 2021</p>	<p>August 2021/January 2022</p>	<p>674 students enrolled in TECH 1013 or TECH 1001 in fall 2021 and spring 2022 and received material as part of the academic courses.</p>

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<p><b>3. Provide educational programming to raise awareness of, and provide resources for, the prevention of unplanned pregnancies across the entire student population*</b></p>	<p>Develop campus-wide programming to increase awareness of the prevention of unplanned pregnancies</p> <p>Partner with Registered Student Organizations and various campus departments to provide campus-wide and targeted programming; Market availability of Health and Wellness Center staff to provide on-demand presentations</p> <p>Present programs per schedule developed</p>	<p>Summer 2021</p> <p>Year-Round</p> <p>Year-Round</p>	<p>23 related educational programs were provided during 2021-2022.</p> <p>Approximately 412 students attended the related educational programs.</p> <p><i>*A detailed list of all related educational programs provided during 2021-2022 is attached as a supplement to this action plan.</i></p>
<p><b>4. Collaborate with the Department of Health or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), or both, to promote access to female reproductive health care</b></p>	<p>Enhance services provided in the ATU Health and Wellness Center to support women's health</p>	<p>Year-Round</p>	<p>Wellness Examinations- The Health and Wellness Center offers female students the opportunity to schedule an appointment for wellness examinations. These exams include pap smear testing, pelvic examination, and breast examinations. During this visit the student is counseled on various birth control options including hormonal, barrier, and natural family planning methods. We also discuss STI/STD testing at this visit and offer students prescriptions or referrals for their birth control and ensure that their questions are answered and needs are met. Expanded the dates of appointment availability.</p>

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<b>(Objective 4, continued...)</b>		Year-Round	Free condoms- The Health and Wellness Center offers free condoms to all students who request them. There are also condoms in first aid kits in each residence hall.
<b>5. Seek private or federal grants to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancy and to promote student success, including partnership opportunities to successfully complete for grants</b>	Participate in and seek opportunities to submit grants or collaborate with other agencies for grants	Year-Round	No grants identified this academic year.
<b>6. Develop plans to address child care, transportation, financial aid, and other challenges for student success and completion specific to existing single parents</b>	<p>Advertise Single Parent Scholarship Fund on Arkansas Tech website</p> <p>Advertise opportunities available through CCAMPIS</p>	<p>Year-Round</p> <p>Year-Round</p>	<p>Information for single parents is directly linked to the Arkansas Tech Financial Aid website, the Third-Party Scholarships website, and the Upward Bound website. This link provides information for single parents on scholarships, college planning, help with living expenses, child care provider search, and other forms of support and assistance.</p> <p>ATU administers a \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program. As a result of the grant, a cohort of 50 Pell Grant-eligible ATU students who have children and reside in a five-county region (Pope, Yell, Franklin, Logan and Johnson) will be selected each of the next four years (through September 2022) to receive funding for child care at one of childcare facilities that have agreed to partner with ATU on the initiative. ATU will seek to renew grant in 2022.</p>



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**Additional Notes:**

In 2022-23, ATU will continue to consider options to seek opportunities for college student mentorship of younger teens. No viable option has been identified at this time. This action plan includes both the Russellville and Ozark campuses of Arkansas Tech University.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

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