

LGBTQ+ Students

- Frequently Asked Questions -

LGBTQ+ Campus Life:

Does Trinity College have an office designated to support the LGBTQ Community?

The Queer Resource Center (QRC) is the center for LGBTQ+ life and student services on campus and is part of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The QRC is directed by Crystal Nieves, Director of LGBTQ+ Life, and is located at 114 Crescent St. You can reach us by emailing QRC@trincoll.edu.

The QRC also maintains a Discord for the Trinity QRC & LGBTQ+ Life. This serves as our virtual lounge for LGBTQ+ community, conversation, and connection. You can join our Discord community [here](#). Discord Invite: XN2FhpUaUN

Does Trinity have an LGBTQ+ & ally student organization?

Encouraging Respect of Sexualities (EROS), is a student run organization whose mission includes being a supportive safe space for queer folks on campus. Furthermore, the QRC forms part of the support system available on campus for LGBTQ+ students. You can find more information about EROS [here](#). If you are interested you can also start up other LGBTQ+ related groups and clubs.

Do you have to identify as LGBTQ+ in order to attend events at or sponsored by the QRC/EROS?

Events are generally open to everyone, regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Does Trinity have a bias-incident and hate-crime reporting system which includes LGBTQ+ concerns?

Yes, if something has occurred to a student on campus, they can report it one of two ways. The first is to any staff member that they trust on campus. That staff member can assist them through the process. If a student would like to report it on their own, they can call campus safety or submit a report that can be found [here](#)

Is there training available on LGBTQ+ issues for faculty/staff?

The Queer Resource Center offers campus Safe Zone training and education on topics of LGBTQ+ inclusion for faculty and staff. These education initiatives help Trinity employees become more aware LGBTQ+ community needs and experiences and prepares them to better support LGBTQ+ students. For more information about our campus Safe Zone members and information about our training and education initiatives please visit the QRC website!

Are there gender inclusive restrooms on campus?

There are several locations on Trinity's campus that have gender inclusive restrooms. On our campus these restrooms are labeled "All-Gender Restroom". While most of these locations are private single-stall restrooms, there is also a new large multi-stall All-Gender Restroom located on the main level of Mather Hall. The list and locations of campus All-Gender Restrooms can be found [here](#). These restrooms may be used by anyone regardless of their sex or gender identity.

Chosen Name, Pronouns, and personal Information:

Is there a way to use my chosen name on campus records?

Students can add a chosen first name to their campus record for use in locations that do not explicitly require a legal name. For example, students can add their chosen name for use on class rosters, advising transcripts, campus e-mail and directory, Bantam ID card, Moodle, and Bantam Link.

Students can add a chosen name to their record in the [PeopleSoft/ TC Online self-service](#) feature for student information. Once logged into TC online, click "self-service", "campus personal information", and lastly "profile". In this location students can add a chosen name to the "preferred name data field" in the student information system and they can also add their personal pronouns to their campus record for use on course rosters and advising profiles. When updates are complete be sure to [hit save](#) to add the change to your record. A student does not need to add a chosen name to add their pronouns. All students are encouraged to add their pronouns to the system.

If desired, once a chosen name is added to your profile you can also update your Bantam ID Card by reaching out to the [ID Office](#). You may update a photo and pick up a corrected card at no cost for replacement. You may contact ITS to help you update your email address. You can manually update your Moodle and Bantam Link profiles as well.

More information about the use of chosen name on campus can be found here: [campus personal information](#)

LGBTQ+ Inclusive Health Care:

Are campus health care professionals knowledgeable about the health needs of LGBTQ+ individuals?

The health center staff at Trinity College are Hartford Healthcare Employees, and are trained regularly on how to best support our LGBTQ+ individuals. Several off-campus resources are also available for our students seeking mental health, physical health, or transition services.

Are Transitional health services covered by the Trinity Student Health Insurance Plan?

Trinity's student insurance plan covers healthcare related to gender identity such as hormone replacement therapy, select gender-affirming procedures, and trans inclusive counseling services.

Does Trinity have support groups for LGBTQ+ people?

At this time Trinity does not offer LGBTQ+ peer-support or clinical support groups on campus. We can however help connect student with on campus one-on-one counseling services, and/or off campus one-on-one LGBTQ+ affirming or LGBTQ+ group counseling services in the nearby community.

Does Trinity distribute condoms and LGBTQ inclusive safer sex information?

Yes! Inclusive safer sex items including single use internal condoms, F/C condoms, dental dams and lubricants are easily accessed on campus. Some spaces where they can be found are the Health Center, the Queer Resource Center, and the Women and Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC). There are also printed materials available that discuss STDs/STIs & how to effectively and safely use condoms/dams.

Does the health center offer LGBTQ+ inclusive STD/STI Testing?

Yes, on campus STD/STI testing is available at the campus health center. Labs are sent out to Quest for processing. Also available to all Trinity Students is the nearby Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective located on Broad St. right behind the Trinity hockey rink. This community health center specializes in LGBTQ+ inclusive care for sexual health and wellness, dental health, and other general health needs for the LGBTQ+ community in Hartford.

LGBTQ+ / Gender Inclusive Housing Options:

Are there Gender Inclusive Housing options for trans and nonbinary students at Trinity?

Yes, Trinity College offers Gender Inclusive Housing options for both First Year and Returning Students.

Returning students (upperclassmen) choose their housing location and their roommates annually through the housing lottery and room selection process. Returning students may choose to live with any roommate regardless of sex or gender identity in gender inclusive housing options. Gender Inclusive housing options are available in most upper-class housing residence halls except for a select few that are single-sex. Gender Inclusive housing options include apartment style or suite style living with their own internal private bathrooms, and in more traditional dormitory locations with single & double style rooms and access to multi-stall all-gender bathrooms.

First year students are assigned campus housing and roommates by the Bantam Network staff. To aid in housing and roommate placement all first-year students should submit their housing questionnaire as early as possible. This questionnaire contains an opportunity to select gender inclusive housing options within the first-year housing communities. These include access to gender inclusive bathrooms. Only those who actively select into this type of housing will be placed in these units. All other students will be assigned rooms and bathrooms by their sex on record. Please contact the [Bantam Residential Network](#) with any questions regarding gender inclusive housing options.

Do Residential Life staff and RAs undergo training on LGBTQ+ issues?

Resident Assistants are trained every year through safe zone training to be inclusive of our LGBTQ+ students on campus. Resident Assistants that return to the position, are updated on supporting LGBTQ+ students each year.