

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Interdisciplinary Graduate Education/Human Development Center

Human Sciences and Services 160

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The Human Development Center (<https://www.uwec.edu/HDC>) (HDC) is a nationally known interdisciplinary program working with individuals and families from western Wisconsin. Under the direct supervision of faculty supervisors, graduate student clinicians from multiple disciplines (e.g., Communication Sciences and Disorders, Nursing, School Psychology, Social Work) provide assessment, intervention, and consultation services to children, adolescents, young adults, and families. The HDC offers faculty and students the opportunity to collaborate with other disciplines in clinical practice and research. Cooperative and individual research projects are encouraged. Major research projects are conducted by faculty members with assistance from graduate assistants employed at the HDC, or by graduate students working with faculty on theses or other research projects.

Students participate in the HDC as part of assessment, practicum, or internship courses that are offered within the various participating departments. An average of 70 graduate students participate directly in interdisciplinary assessment, intervention, and consultation activities each year.

Research Support

Some funding is available to assist graduate students in their research costs and research dissemination through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (<https://www.uwec.edu/ORSP/students/grad.htm>).

Use of Human Subjects in Research

Federal regulations and University policy require that research projects involving human subjects be designed to protect the rights of the subjects, the researcher, and the University. This pertains to projects for classes on research methodology, independent studies, and thesis research as well as faculty/student research collaborations. Each proposal involving human subjects and its provisions for their protection must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the Protection of Human Subjects prior to initiation of the work. Some low-risk studies at the undergraduate level are covered by an instructor who is certified to provide training on the basics of human protection to a given course. However, at the graduate level, research projects involving human subjects need IRB committee approval, an on-line process which starts with a tutorial on human subjects protection.

Research on regular and special education instructional strategies and research on the effectiveness of or comparison of instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods are among the types of projects that may be handled by an expedited review process. For more information on the

IRB process, see the manual *Policies and Procedures for Protection of Human Subjects in Research*, available electronically at www.uwec.edu/ORSP/IRB (<http://www.uwec.edu/ORSP/IRB>).

For specific help in submitting a proposal to the IRB, see *How to Submit to the IRB* at the same website.

For additional communication, contact the chair of the UW-Eau Claire Institution Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Schofield 17, phone 715-836-3405.

Use of Animals in Research

All students involved in the care or use of vertebrate animals and all facilities used for such animals must operate within the guidelines of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*. Copies of the Guide and other pertinent materials may be obtained from the Chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee in the Department of Biology, 715-836-4166. Additional information is at www.uwec.edu/ORSP/IRB/IACUC.htm. (<http://www.uwec.edu/ORSP/IRB/IACUC.htm>)