

Health Science Center Use, Health, and Safety

The Health Science Consortium (HSC) represents an alliance among the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Western Wisconsin Technical College, Viterbo College, and two independent health care providers: Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center and Franciscan Skemp Healthcare System. Specific aims of the consortium are to investigate collaborative initiatives to enhance primary care, strengthen allied health science education, and solidify interactive research initiatives in the clinical sciences. The focus of the multi-institutional partnership is directed toward planning and implementing interactive programs that optimize the use of shared resources and take advantage of the strengths of individual consortium members. The Occupational Therapy Program at UW-L is a part of the Consortium.

The Consortium has built the jointly owned and operated Health Science Center HSC. The multidisciplinary center provides space for integrated allied health science programming and provides the physical facility to support collaborative, clinically focused research in human physiology, microbiology, and rehabilitative services. Allied Health professions in occupational therapy, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapy, physical therapy assistant, physician assistant, radiation therapy, and nuclear medicine technology are some of the programs located in the HSC. Most of the space in the HSC is jointly shared with other programs from the partner institutions. Collaboration requires planning ahead, consideration, and respect for the rights of all to use the space and equipment.

HSC Building Information:

HSC Building Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Students must leave by 10:45 Weekend (by card access only): 10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. Students must leave by 7:30.
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Students have access to the HSC building when the building is closed to the public by use of your student ID card. After hours and on weekends, use your student ID on the rear entrance to access the building. Room use is considered a privilege that can be lost—students must abide by the strictest of security measure to prevent entry by unauthorized individuals. Only Health Professions students are allowed in the building after hours. There is nobody in the building after regular business hours and students are advised to have at least one other person with you and keep your cell phone available. Lights in the atrium are turned off after dark on the weekends to save electricity, but classrooms are available for study.

Room Reservations Students may reserve rooms for educational purposes in the HSC by contacting Megan Hoffman. HSC rooms may not be used for social events or personal use. Students are free to use the conference rooms on each floor without reservation unless faculty has scheduled the room.

Security The security for the building is provided by UW-L Protective Services:

911 (life threatening emergency)

789-9999 (emergency)

785-8000 (non-emergency)

Inter-campus phones are available in the atriums on each floor and may be used to contact security. The campus has a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan. <http://www.uwlax.edu/Police/Emergency-response-plan/> It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the plan.

Parking The HSC parking lot has only metered parking available so please plan some other parking arrangement. The meters in the lot are \$1.00/hour and you may put in 12 hours worth at a time (quarters only). You will not be excused from class to run down and plug the meters. Contact the UWL Protective Services if interested in purchasing a parking sticker in an assigned lot. Parking on the street is available, however space near the HSC is often difficult to find when classes are in session. Parking tickets are vigilantly issued.

Building Policies:

HSC Student Food Policy

Food consumption is only permitted by students in the atrium areas (2nd, 3rd, or 4th floors) or lower level (basement) by the vending machines. Food and beverage is not allowed in classrooms or labs. Beverages with a cover are allowed in conference rooms. If violations occur, beverage privileges will be discontinued in the conference rooms. Food consumption is not allowed in any area of the 5th floor due to safety concerns related to proximity of potentially harmful chemical/biological agents. Faculty has the right to make an exception for students to eat/drink in rooms they are teaching in, especially if the class is held for a large block of time. In turn, faculty is responsible for the following prior to leaving the classroom:

1. Ensure all tables are clean
2. The garbage is placed in the garbage cans with liners
3. Garbage should be removed from the room as a courtesy to the next users if:
 - a. There are large garbage items such as pizza boxes
 - b. There is food that will leave a lingering smell (such as onions) (Garbage bag may be placed outside the room – please contact custodian to dispose) d.
4. All spills are wiped up Approved: HSC Management Group July 14, 2010 Approved: HSC Management Group July 11, 2012 Approved: HSC Management Group January 3, 201

Tobacco-Free Ground Policy

The Health Science Center (HSC) grounds are tobacco-free. All tobacco products are prohibited on HSC premises. Ash receptacles are located at the main entry points to the HSC property. It is expected of all individuals to be respectful when using tobacco products and ensure waste is placed in the proper

containers. Policy enforcement focuses on positive reinforcement and is the responsibility of all staff and students. The goal is self-enforcement. Repeat violations of the policy will be addressed as needed.
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Latex Safe Environment Policy

The Health Science Center ensures a safe learning and research environment for the faculty, researchers, staff and students through the collaboration of its partners. The Center aims to protect staff and students from unnecessary exposure to latex and to control with limits, exposure of latex and latex based products.

To assure a "latex safe environment," occupants and participants of the Health Science Center will limit the use and direct exposure of latex based products. **In accordance with this policy, latex balloons, latex based powdered gloves and products produced with latex will be limited.** If a product used in research or instruction does not have a latex alternative, the product should have a protective barrier to prohibit the exposure or release of latex particles.

1. Staff will upgrade/complete a database of equipment/materials that contain latex. Each organization will be responsible to maintain their data base for their prospective area of items that contain latex with the intent for student/staff safety.
2. Staff will eliminate the use of latex powdered gloves and replace with latex free or low protein, powder free gloves. If possible, supplies and materials containing latex should be removed or replaced with latex free or low protein alternatives. Items without a latex-free alternative should have a protective barrier i.e. covering.
3. Programs/departments will develop a plan for replacing or covering items containing latex with the exception of rubber bands.
4. Stickers/signs at each entrance to the building will state "Rubber (Latex) balloons or material containing rubber based substances are not allowed."
5. Rubber band usage should be limited. Metal binders/clips should be used as an alternative to rubber bands. Rubber bands must be stored in closed containers or drawers in the classrooms, labs, and offices.
6. Before applying bandages ("Band-aids") or similar adhesive protective barriers the recipient must be questioned regarding allergic reactions. If the recipient has a history of an allergic response, alternative measures must be taken.
7. Staff or students who have a high sensitivity to latex based products should be advised to purchase and wear a bracelet warning of the allergic condition. It is the responsibility of staff and students with hypersensitivity to latex based products to carry an "epi pen" in case of an allergic reaction.

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