

Health Science Center (HSC) Student Information/Policies Guide

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What is the Health Science Center?



The Health Science Center (HSC) is a collaborative project of the La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium (LMHSC). The LMHSC's five founding partners are Gundersen Health System, Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Healthcare La Crosse, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Viterbo University, and Western Technical College.

The LMHSC's mission statement is "fostering collaboration for healthier communities."

The HSC opened in August 2000 and houses healthcare programming and research. Even though the HSC is adjacent to the UWL campus, it is not a UWL building. In fact, the HSC

was built on land donated by Western Technical College. Western Technical College had a dormitory on this site for many years.

Currently three of the five founding partners have educational programs or research within the HSC. These include Gundersen Health System, UW-La Crosse and Western Technical College. There are several programs housed in the building, along with a variety of research initiatives housed on the lower level and fifth floor.

HSC Building Hours

September – May: Open 7:00 am until 10:00 pm Monday through Friday. Doors locked at 9:00 pm (M-TH) and at 6:00 pm on Fridays. Students must leave by 10:00 pm. No exceptions.

Mid-May – August: Open 7:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. Students must leave by 10:00 pm. No exceptions.

Note: Hours are subject to change during holiday breaks.

Swipe Card Access



Students will be provided swipe card access to applicable labs as needed. All students will be notified by HSC faculty if they have access to labs outside of classroom meeting times. Students will need to have their student ID scanned at the enrollment station located at the HSC Information Desk. Access will be available as soon as the card is scanned.

Student weekend swipe card access is as follows:

Saturday: 7:00am-7:00pm (need to leave by 7:30pm)

Sunday: 7:00am-7:00pm (need to leave by 7:30pm)

Note: Propping open the door outside of business hours is not allowed and will set off an internal security alarm.

HSC Parking Options



The HSC parking lot is monitored from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Hourly parking is available through the Passport Parking app for \$1.00 an hour. Please note there may be a transaction fee with credit cards or paying via the Passport app.

There is one 15-minute courtesy spot available on the west side of the lot.

Parking areas at and surrounding HSC parking [map](#)

HSC lot:

- Pay by [Passport app](#)
- \$1.00/hr (plus transaction fee)
- Zone 371

Perimeter around HSC (13th St., Pine St.):

- Pay by [ParkMobile app](#)
- \$1.00/hr (plus transaction fee)
- Zone 29109

Note Western Students: Western parking permits are not valid in the HSC parking lot.

Tobacco-Free Grounds



The 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.

Lost and Found



The HSC information desk collects lost and found items and holds them for a limited time. Please contact the HSC information desk or Consortium office (3065) if you have lost anything in the HSC.

Safety Info



Reporting Emergencies

- Dial 911 for a life-threatening emergency
- Dial 789-9999 for other emergencies
- Dial 789-9000 for request for assistance or dispatch

UWL University Police provide the security contract for the HSC.

For all emergencies, the HSC follows UWL's emergency preparedness [plan](#): Related items of interest for [HSC](#).

Emergency Text Alerts with RAVE



UWL and Western both use the RAVE notification system to alert students and staff to emergency situations. This will notify you if your campus issues an emergency alert or an all-clear message.

Fire Alarm (Evacuation Procedure)



- Find nearest exit and outdoor gathering place (front of Angell Hall).
- Exit room/suite and help others get out.
- Follow stairs to exit.
- Leave the building and meet in front of Angell Hall just east of the HSC. Use caution crossing the parking lot.
- Check for people who were in your evacuated area.
- Report any missing people to emergency personnel.
- Remain in gathering area until given an "all clear" by emergency personnel.

Tornado Siren or Announcement (Shelter Procedure)



- Exit room/suite and help others get out.
- Walk to the Lower Level (basement) if possible or to an interior room away from windows.
- Crouch down and cover your head until storm passes.
- Return to room if safe or remain in sheltering area until given an "all clear" by emergency personnel.
- Call 911 to report damages or injuries.

Active Shooter (Lockdown Procedure)



- Exit the building if safe. If not, enter the nearest room. Call 911 if possible.
- Close and lock doors - turn off lights.
- Stay away from windows and doors - stay out of sight.
- Remain silent and silence cell phones.
- Barricade door if possible.
- Wait for all-clear signal by emergency personnel.

Security Cameras



Security cameras will be used in a professional and ethical manner in accordance with LMHSC partner's policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations. See [full policy](#) .

Guideline for Using HSC After-Hours

Please use the buddy system when using the HSC after building hours. This will protect everyone's safety by entering, leaving, and studying in the building in pairs or groups. Please ensure the safety of those around you by keeping locked doors locked.

Do not prop outside doors open when locked, as this could lead to having your swipe card access revoked.



Students that have been granted permission from HSC faculty will have access to the building via their student ID card (swipe card access) during the following weekend hours.

Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm (need to leave by 7:30 pm)

Sunday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm (need to leave by 7:30 pm)

Sleeping or napping is prohibited in the building.

Please turn off all lights when leaving a room. Protect your personal safety by remaining aware of your surroundings after hours, and report any suspicious activity to UWL police (789-9999).

Please return the area to the original set up when entering the room.

When using the HSC during a weekend, please note the following:

Since there is not any custodial assistance during the weekend, **please place all food-related garbage in the atrium garbage canisters**. This will prevent odors in labs/rooms by Monday morning.



AED & Nalox-Zone Boxes

Both items are located on the wall across from the Student Health Center on the main floor.



Wireless Network Access

Students and faculty have access to a wireless connection in the HSC via their respective organizations.

Study Areas



Study areas are available in the basement area, atriums (1st-4th floor), professional conference rooms (3076 and 4106), rooms 4004, 4006 and 5096.

Conference rooms 3076 and 4106, rooms 4004 and room 4006 are only available if professional meetings are not scheduled. Professional meetings take priority.

Please note Student Food Policy and Conference Room Etiquette below.

HSC Student Food Policy



Food consumption is only permitted by students in the atrium areas (2nd, 3rd, or 4th floors) or lower level (basement). Food and beverage are 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:

- Ensure all tables are clean.
- Ensure garbage is placed in the garbage* cans with liners.
- Ensure all spills are wiped up.
- Garbage should be removed from the room as a courtesy to the next users if there are large garbage items such as pizza boxes or if there is food that will leave a lingering smell.
- Garbage bag may be placed outside the room – please contact custodian to dispose.

Note: There is an eating area in the lower level, along with two microwaves and a small refrigerator. Please be considerate of others and clean up any spills that may occur.

Conference Room Etiquette

Conference rooms provide a quiet area for students to study, and the HSC staff would like to retain this privilege for the students. Professional meetings take precedence over students studying in conference rooms and the expectation is conference rooms will be clean. Custodians do not clean conference rooms until late in the day.

Student etiquette means:



- Leaving the room clean after use
- Pushing in chairs
- Not using the table or chairs as footstools
- Not lying or sitting on the table
- Not removing shoes
- Respecting the conference room as a professional meeting space
- Leaving the conference room when notified of a scheduled meeting
- Ensuring all beverages have a cover
- Refraining from bringing food into the conference rooms

Please refer to HSC Student Food Policy above.



Western Community Corner

A space that provides Western students who call the HSC home a place to gather for study groups, get academic support, or to just relax between classes.

- Located in room 2058 and hours are Monday thru Friday 7:30am-7:30pm.
- Western students have access to computers and a printer.
- If the printers need paper added, please contact the respective assistant on fourth floor - room 4031.

HSC Bulletin Board Policy



General Use/Community Bulletin Boards

(Large white bulletin boards located on main floor by entry doors and board by 2nd floor atrium)

- Display of community materials and miscellaneous advertising
- Community posters will have a 30-day limit, unless the event expires prior to 30 days
- Items do not need to be stamped for approval
- Outdated items will be removed on a regular basis
- HSC employees have the right to remove any materials that are deemed inappropriate
- At the end of the semester (January 1 and June 1), bulletin boards will be completely cleared of all materials

Please note: All items must be placed on a bulletin board, not on walls, bathroom stalls, doors etc. Any items found posted outside of a bulletin board will be removed.

HSC Bulletin Boards (Brown cork boards located in HSC hallways across from elevators)

Items that have already been stamped by Western or UWL are allowed on the bulletin boards. HSC does not have to stamp.

Locker Rooms/Backpacks

Please use the HSC locker rooms to store items vs. leaving backpacks, etc., in the hallways or atrium area. This will help prevent items disappearing and eliminate safety hazards. Please do not place any backpacks along the glass on the 3rd, 4th or 5th floor atrium areas. There is a fire wall that can descend and will damage anything in its path.



All Gender Locker Rooms:

- Lower level: 0031 and 0033
- 3rd Floor: 3022

Women's Locker Rooms:

- 5th Floor: 5080 and 5089

Men's Locker Room:

- 5th Floor: 5082

All Gender Restrooms with Showers:

- Lower-level M-F 7:00 am—5:00 pm. Access via corridor 0038 off the lower-level eating area.
- Locker room 3022

All Gender Restrooms

- Rooms 5084 and 5088

Student Health Center

(Available to both Western and UWL students)



UWL Student Health Center is operated by Mayo Clinic Health System and offers on-campus access to Mayo Clinic services including primary care, same-day care and physical therapy. The Student Health Center is dedicated to serving the unique healthcare needs of UWL and Western students.

All *currently* enrolled UWL or Western students who've paid the [Health Center User Fee](#) are eligible to use the Student Health Center. The Student Health Center user fee is automatically charged to all UWL students enrolled with ≥ 1 credits, with the exception of some programs, and all Western students enrolled with ≥ 6 credits. Students should be prepared to show their UWL/Western photo ID card before each Student Health Center appointment.

The Student Health Center is not available to former or non-enrolled UWL or Western students, UWL or Western employees, non-enrolled partners/spouses, children/relatives of enrolled UWL or Western students, or local community members.

You can schedule appointments, receive test results and contact your care team using the [My Health Portal](#). You can also call 608-785-8558 to schedule an appointment.

After Hours Resources:

[Mayo Clinic Online Symptom Checker](#)

Mayo Clinic Nurse Line: 608-785-0940

- ▶ Indicate that you are a UWL or WTC student and ask to be connected to the nurse line.