Welcome!

The UWEC HCAD program has had a few changes in faculty!

Please welcome Professor Natalie McMurry. Prof. McMurry has 10+ years of experience working as a Nursing Home Administrator. Most recently, she was the Vice President of a large organization in Wisconsin overseeing a continuum of services specializing in mental health. She is a proud UWEC HCAD & MBA alum and maintains her NHA license.

Also, welcome Adrianne Sullivan, our new CHAASE Outreach & Events Coordinator! Adrianne has over six years of work experience as a Physical Therapist Assistant in many different health care settings, followed by a transition to an administrative career. Most recently, she was an Administrative Assistant and Account Manager at Industrial Therapy Solutions.

We are also excited to share that after a national search, our very own Dr. Lindsey Creapeau was hired into our open tenure-track position, so she is now Dr. Creapeau, Assistant Professor! She is busy prepping and teaching new classes, mentoring students, working on research, and helping to manage many of the activities of CHAASE, while also helping to onboard the newest members of our HCAD team. Dr. Creapeau will continue to have contact with residency students in the 400-level courses she is teaching and sessions she leads at residency learning modules.
2023 CHAASE BANQUET

The 2023 CHAASE Banquet will take place on April 20th at The Lismore in Eau Claire, WI. You can register here: impact.uwec.edu/CHAASE23

Please contact Adrianne Sullivan with any questions at sulliadr@uwec.edu or (715) 836-4757.

We hope to see you there!
RESEARCH AT THE ROTUNDA

On March 8th, Hannah Keach ('24) and Dr. Creapeau attended the 2023 UW System Research in the Rotunda in Madison, WI to share results from their collaborative student-faculty research (co-authored with Drs. Joks-Artisensi, Hawes, and Olson). Hannah’s project was entitled “The Silver Linings of COVID-19 in Long Term Care”.

She presented findings one-on-one with Wisconsin State Senators and Representatives, the UW-System President and Chancellors, and other event attendees. UW-Eau Claire was limited to six poster presentations; selection of this project was quite an honor. Way to go Hannah!

WINTER MODULE

From January 25–27, the HCAD Administrative Residency students returned to campus for their winter learning module. Throughout the three days, students spent time networking with their peers, creating NAB exam study guides, working on team building activities, and showcasing their knowledge while reviewing for their national licensing exam through Jeopardy and Kahoot games.

They are back to their residency sites, finishing up leadership projects, refining their leadership and management skillset, and preparing for their NAB and state licensing exams. Graduation will be here before we know it - keep up the great work, class of 2023!
HAWES AND McMURRAY VISIT CHIPPEWA FALLS

In January, Dr. Hawes and Professor McMurry visited Chippewa Falls High School’s Health Careers and Occupations class. They shared information with students about the UW-Eau Claire Health Care Administration program and career paths in long-term care. It was great to see so many eager students interested in the health care field!

CARLY LOEWUS NAMED 2023 MCKNIGHTS WOMEN RISING STAR

The 2023 Class of Rising Stars in the McKnight’s Women of Distinction awards program has been announced. HCAD alumni Carly Loewus (’20), Campus Administrator at Clement Manor in Greenfield, WI was one of only 16 women across the country to be honored. Congratulations Carly – we are proud of you!

UWEC STUDENTS AS SILVER EXAMINERS

AHCA/NCAL, in collaboration with four HCAD students, Tessa Peterson, Alexis Pham, Addi Platt and Rose Riedmaier, train as Silver Award examiners during Spring semester 2021. The four students, along with Dr. Hawes, completed the virtual AHCA/NCAL-led training. The students then worked on examiner teams with licensed administrators from across the country to review Silver Award applications.

CARLY LOEWUS

ADDI PLATT, TESSA PETERSON, ROSE RIEDMAIER, AND ALEXIS PHAM
2023 WISCONSIN STATE ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION

Dr. Creapeau, along with community colleagues, will be presenting on Monday, May 22nd at the 2023 Wisconsin State Alzheimer’s Association Conference on a first-of-its-kind community-based program for those living with dementia and their caregivers. The session will be entitled “Brain and Body Group Fitness program for those with dementia and their caregivers through community partnership”. If you’ll be at the conference, be sure to stop by!

GSA 2022

In November, Dr. Hawes presented findings from two of her papers at the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting. She was also acknowledged for her contributions to the social research and policy practice committee during the SRPP luncheon.

2023 ACHCA NATIONAL CONVOCATION

Dr. Creapeau, Dr. Johs-Artisensi, and 11 students will be attending the 2023 ACHCA National Convocation from April 24-27, 2023. In addition to attending educational sessions, many students will be presenting student-faculty research at the Dr. Kevin Hansen Memorial Student Poster Exposition. If you’re attending, please stop by and check out their important work.

The group will have dinner together on Tuesday, April 25th. Please reach out to Dr. Lindsey Creapeau if you’d like to join— we’d love to have CHAASE partners and friends connect with us. Dr. Creapeau can be reached at creapelj@uwec.edu or (715) 836-2088.

Students Attending:
Luke Bjorklund
McKenna Campbell
Karla Gomez
Mitch Gordon
Brad Heap
Annabelle Howat (UWEC ACHCA Student Chapter Vice-President)
Lily Kiffmeyer
Addison Platt
Carissa Prextholdt
Michael Schumacher (CHAASE Student Intern)
Shay VanEyll (UWEC ACHCA Student Chapter President)
THANK YOU TO 2022-2023 PRECEPTORS

As we near 2023 graduation, we’d like to extend a thank you to the preceptors that have spent the last 10 months mentoring our residency students. We sincerely appreciate your partnership and continued support of our program and students.

Thank you for all you’ve done!

Jennifer Bever
Justin Birkeli
Austin Billie
Gerard Badalski
Kenzie Christopher
Joscelyn Cook
Megan Corcoran
Christine Delander
Megan Feirtag
Ray Freson
Meghan Mehilberg Fuss
Kim Gochanour
Annette Greely
Jennifer Johnson
Kris Krentz
Rochelle Kruchten
Steve Kuranz
Bethany Lee
Tonya Lisowski
Carly Loewus
Jill Lubbesmeyer
Megan Mashl
Candi McConnell
Gavin Middleton
Josh Molitor
Jarret Nickel
Katie Patzelt
Randy Rennock
Jon Richardson
Emily Rickman
Zach Schmitz
Beth Schroeder
Dan Strittmatter
Michelle Sullivan

DIRECT SUPPLY IMMERSION TRIP

For this year’s Winter Immersion trip, our partners at Direct Supply hosted a group of UWEC Health Care Administration students. We all had a wonderful time taking the opportunity to explore partnerships in healthcare and become familiar with one of the many organizations that exists to support, innovate, and advocate for our industry and the individuals we serve. We are so appreciative of the hospitality and support provided to our program from this organization!

Thank you to CHAASE for sponsoring this opportunity! Without this incredible group of advocates and alumni, opportunities like this would not exist.

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