

Mission

Children's Physical Developmental Clinic

AN UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE: OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING
BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



For more than 38 years, Bridgewater State University (BSU) has sponsored the Children's Physical Developmental Clinic (CPDC), a nationally recognized academic program fostering professional development, service learning and leadership skills. The CPDC affords students from all majors a challenging opportunity to volunteer as clinicians working with children and youth with disabilities, ages of 18 months to 18 years.

The aim of the clinic program is to improve the "total development" of children with disabilities by enhancing vital physical, motor and aquatic skills and patterns. In addition, the program stresses the improvement of children's self esteem by strengthening emotional-social aspects of their personality through successful involvement in play, recreation and sport activities.

Over a hundred students serve as clinicians and group leaders each semester, making the CPDC the largest student organization on campus. Over the years, BSU students have determined the CPDC not only augments their professional preparation; but, upon graduation, is most critical to them when seeking employment and entrance to graduate school.