

Genesee Lake School

at ODTC



Curriculum Handbook

A Community of Learners

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Thank you for your interest in Genesee Lake School at ODTC.

Genesee Lake School, “A Community of Learners”, is a year round therapeutic special education school, providing educational and vocational services with day school, residential and boarding school options. Our school is housed in a state of the art facility designed specifically to meet the educational, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of our students. Genesee Lake School’s campus is situated on over 160 (?)wooded acres.

We provide developmentally appropriate educational services for students ages 3-21. All academic instruction is assessment based and aligned with the WI Common Core State Standards, Extended Grade Band Standards, and IEP Goals. Instruction is supported through integrated technology.

Students who may need supports that surpass the resources available in a public or private school can experience success and growth at Genesee Lake School. Student’s academic and social difficulties relative to Asperger’s Disorder, Austim, Anxiety, School Phobia/Avoidance, Depression, Bi-Polar Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Tourette’s Syndrome, ADD/ADHD, Reactive Attachment Disorder, and other developmental, neurological, or behavioral disorders benefit from our integrated approach of meeting the social, emotional, and educational needs.

Genesee Lake School’s success is rooted in our collaborative approach with the family and as well as the students’ entire Individual Educational Plan (IEP) team. We are committed to being an effective part of the team in order to successfully transition students back into their home, community and school.

The Genesee Lake School Course Handbook articulates the curriculum and instructional approach options available across the entire range of the students that attend our school. Additionally, we are introducing an Early Childhood program to our services for the 2011-2012 school year.

Should you wish to arrange a campus visit or have further questions regarding Genesee Lake School, please contact:

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Education Leadership Team



Wendy Halloran
Director of Education

Wendy Halloran has been serving the educational needs of the disability community for more than thirty years in a variety of capacities. She has served as a teacher, administrator, educational consultant and now as the Director of Education of Genesee Lake School at ODTC. Ms. Halloran is licensed as a regular and special education teacher, a principal, a superintendent of schools and a director of special education. Her Master's Degree was awarded in the area of Early Childhood, Special Education. She has also taught special education courses at the university level.

Prior to assuming the position of Director of Education at Genesee Lake School, Wendy operated her own special education consulting business, The Learning Curve of Wisconsin, Inc. In this capacity she provided specialized services to students, families and school districts. Ms. Halloran's vast experiences in meeting the special education needs of the disability community make her uniquely qualified to serve as the Director of Education at Genesee Lake School.



Christine Naylor
Education Coordinator

Christine Naylor has more than twenty years of experience working with children and adults with special needs. She has obtained a Bachelor's Degree from UW-Oshkosh as a Special Education teacher licensed in Cognitive Disabilities Pre-Kindergarten-Twelfth grade.

Mrs. Naylor has been a dedicated employee of Oconomowoc Developmental Training Center since 1987. Throughout her years at ODTC, Mrs. Naylor has fulfilled many diverse roles include Group Home youth counselor, vocational programming supervisor, Special Education teacher and Education Coordinator

Currently Mrs. Naylor is part of the Education Leadership team concentrating on providing support and leadership to the ICARE and Transition programs at Genesee Lake School.



Susan Owens
Curriculum Coordinator

Susan Owens has been serving in the field of education for more than thirty years, first as a music teacher and then as a first grade teacher. Her search for methods to help struggling first graders lead her to certification as a special education teacher. She served for many years as a special education teacher, special education diagnostician, program implementer, and teacher coach. She has a Master's Degree in Special Education and has done post-Master's work in Educational Administration.

Prior to assuming the position of Curriculum Coordinator at Genesee Lake School, Ms. Owens was an independent educational consultant. She trained and coached teachers, both nationally and internationally, on using Direct Instruction programs and on improving student behavior. Ms. Owens is currently on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Association for Direct Instruction.

Education Leadership Team



Jackie Paullin
Day School Coordinator

Jackie Paullin has more than twenty years of experience working with children and adults with special needs. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree within the area of Secondary Education and a Master's Degree in the area of Guidance and Counseling. Mrs. Paullin is licensed as a clinical social worker and school counselor.

Prior to becoming the Day School Coordinator at Genesee Lake School, Mrs. Paullin fulfilled many diversified roles including child care worker within a residential treatment center, outreach worker for adolescents and their families, psychotherapist (individual, group, and family), day treatment coordinator, and director of social services. In addition, for ten years, Mrs. Paullin held the position of ODTC clinical coordinator for residential students. She also has several years of research training and experience. Mrs. Paullin's education and counseling background coupled with her vast work experiences render her qualification in her role as the Day School Clinical Coordinator at Genesee Lake School.



Donelle Russell
Day School Coordinator

Donelle Russell has a diverse background in working with children and adults with special needs. She has special education experience in the public schools as well as previously working at ODTC as a teacher of our ICARE students. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree from UW-Milwaukee within the area of Social Work and a Master's Degree from Cardinal Stritch University in the area of Special Education with a Cross Categorical Special Education License. Mrs. Russell's education and work experiences render her qualification in her role as a Day School Coordinator at Genesee Lake School.