

## Transdisciplinary Motor Learning Clinic for Young Children



### Overview of the Program

The **Transdisciplinary Motor Learning Clinic for Young Children** was established in 2002 with support from the University of Hawaii's Educational Improvement Fund, College of Education (COE) and Department of Kinesiology and Leisure (KLS). The Clinic's objectives are: (1) to provide an on-campus teaching site for students from **various disciplines** to teach children in a structured movement environment, and (2) to enhance fine and gross motor skills and patterns for young children.

The program seeks to improve teaching and learning capacity for all (both graduate and undergraduates) UHM students. For children who participate, the program goal is to provide developmentally appropriate small-group physical activities in which each child will:

- (1) become aware of abilities to function successfully with others,
- (2) build competencies in fundamental movement abilities, and
- (3) nurture social involvement in cooperative and competitive behaviors.

### Disciplines within the University

Any University of Hawai'i at Mānoa academic program may advise majors to participate in this program. The transdisciplinary nature of this Motor Learning Clinic makes it unique. While the focus of this clinic includes those physical activities commonly associated with the preparation of teachers of physical education, those majoring in related disciplines of study are encouraged to utilize and develop their unique teaching skill and strategies by participating in this program.

### Registration

Registration for this clinic occurs at the beginning (i.e., first two weeks) of every semester with the exception of summer sessions. The actual clinic becomes operational starting approximately the third week, ending two weeks before final exams for a total of 12 weeks. The first clinic session begins Fall, 2002. The Motor Learning Clinic will operate twice a week from 3:30-5:30. To pursue registration, file an application with the Department of Kinesiology and Leisure Science, College of Education. Children will be admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis with a maximum number of 20 children per semester. Anymore than 20 children will be placed on a wait list. The following criteria apply:

- Child(ren) should be between the ages of 3-7
- Parent or guardian must be associated with the University of Hawai'i
- Grant permission for videotaping, photographs, and audio-taping

### Personnel/Staff

The Transdisciplinary Motor Learning Clinic for Young Children comes under the direction of the Physical Education Teacher Education Program, Department of Kinesiology and Leisure Science, College of Education, 1337 Lower Campus Road (PE/A 231), Honolulu, HI 96822.

### Facilities/Equipment

The Transdisciplinary Motor Learning Clinic for Young Children is housed at Klum Gymnasium in the lower campus. This facility offers gross and fine motor equipment, and sports and recreation opportunities with the potential to increase physical activity levels in children through a structured environment.

**For more information, call, email, write or visit our website:**

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