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The need for a multi-disciplined approach to the diagnosis and treatment of the disabled learner has been given lip service for many years by various departments on university campuses. The first multi-clinic team put this dream into reality at Western Michigan University in the spring of 1972. Subsequently there have been five multi-clinic cases.

The departments of Speech Pathology and Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Special Education, Social Work, Physical Education, and the Reading Center and Clinic have joined together in this effort. To date the clients for the multi-clinics have provided a variety of learning opportunities for undergraduates, graduate students, and staff. The cases are planned so that each department coordinates the efforts and direction of the team. Consequently, the emphasis in each case is different.

The audience is able to view a major portion of each investigation through the efforts of the Television Services of the Department of Instructional Communication. A large, comfortable auditorium in Knauss Hall is provided for the audience.

These cases are open to all who are interested. They begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at noon. The room number in Knauss Hall is 3770. The dates of future multi-clinic cases may be obtained by calling the Reading Center and Clinic.