

Guardianship Training Requirement

New free training requirement for future guardians



What is guardianship?

Guardianship is a legal relationship created by a court when an individual is unable to make or communicate their own decisions regarding their personal welfare, their finances, or both. The court appoints a guardian to make certain decisions on behalf of the individual (the “ward”). A guardian may be appointed for a person who has an impairment resulting from a developmental disability, degenerative brain disorder, serious and persistent mental illness, or other similar incapacities. Incompetency is based on a medical evaluation that is specific to guardianship, and certain proof that the impairment is so significant that it substantially interferes with the ward’s ability to make decisions and puts the ward in danger physically or renders them significantly financially vulnerable.

What is the new training?

This new training requirement was created to teach future guardians about their responsibilities and duties as a guardian. As of January 1, 2023, all future guardians are now required to take the state-approved FREE Guardianship Training (Wisconsin Act 97) course at least 96 hours prior to their court date. The training is an online course that includes topics such as the limits to guardianship decision-making authority, the rights of wards, and best practices regarding your ward's wishes in decision-making. Upon completion of the training, you will need to submit a survey to notify the Wisconsin Training Registry of your course completion to be added to The Guardian Registry.

To take the training:

UW-Green Bay (UWGB) has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to administer the Guardianship Training. The course is self-paced and is accessible 24/7.

To complete the FREE training or for more information go to:

WWW.UWGB.EDU/GUARDIANSHIP-TRAINING

For questions specific to the online guardianship training, please contact the Wisconsin Training Registries at (920)465-2315 or guardian@uwgb.edu. For questions regarding the guardianship process that are outside of the online training, contact the Guardianship Support Center Helpline at (855)409-9410 or guardian@gwaar.org, or consult the DHS website (dhs.wisconsin.gov).

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