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2006 Graduating Senior Survey Student Comments College of Nursing

"Why" or "why not" responses to question "if you had to do it over again, would you choose to attend UWM?"

It was inexpensive and close to home.

Great college!

I enjoyed the program at UW-Parkside because of the small classes and closeness of the students and professors. However, we felt forgotten at times being at Parkside.

I like the structure of the program. The teaching staff was very well prepared, understanding, and very helpful.

The educators are top-notch, and the education I have received as a result is also outstanding.

The quality of the UW-Milwaukee education and the convenience of the Parkside campus make the B.S. nursing program a reachable goal for me.

I would not do the consortial program. Parkside was often the last to find things out and we often felt forgotten.

There should have been more clinical experience, beginning in the Junior year.

I am a Parkside nursing student and I enjoyed attending Parkside's smaller classes

I first attended UW-Madison for 2.5 years. I loved going to school there and received a great and challenging education. I actually only attended UWM for one semester. My education there was not challenging. I didn't like the campus, I didn't like commuting, and I didn't like that everyone's closest friends are from high school. I'm graduating from the UWM nursing program at Parkside. I have a definite advantage over the nursing students at UWM because I only have 22 people in my class. I like the Parkside campus. My courses have not been as challenging as the courses I took at UW-Madison.

The nursing program was great and it was very one-on-one.

Perfect sized campus, nice environment. Close to home, family. Had a few great teachers.

Overall I believe that I have had an exceptional educational experience within the College of Nursing at UWM. Having been a second degree student I feel that the advisor's and professors have been easily accessible and very responsive to my questions and concerns. I also believe that the professors that I have had have been exceptional.

Hard to get into nursing program

Good experience

Reputation, location, convenience

Good location.

I had a good experience. I gained insight to nursing skills and knowledge.

I enjoyed my college experience at UWM.

I came to UWM for a second bachelor's degree. My first was from UW-Madison. In comparison I loved Madison and UWM is alright. The student Union seems like it should be in high school. The gym facilities are a train wreck compared with Madison. Norris is decent, but horribly unorganized with where you register, pay and pick up prescriptions. I think Norris should hold hours past 4pm, because most students are in class during the day. UWM is very much a commuter school and that atmosphere is very prevalent.

I have a previous bachelor's degree from Marquette. The level of professionalism and the overall organization of the program in the college of nursing at UWM was noticeably inferior to the education I received at Marquette.

Some of the staff..., convenience, cost

The nursing program was very interesting and I enjoyed many of my teachers and classes. The chemistry classes that I took were also great- I learned so much. My chemistry teacher was hands down the best teacher I have had to date.

As a freshman, I was crushed to learn that I had not been accepted into the dorms, due to the maximum

capacity having been met. That really put a damper on the amount of people I got to meet. Also, the nursing program was less organized than I had hoped for. The semester of students that I've been with has had a lot of problems with the College of Nursing, some having been answered by staff, others not. I am especially upset that our final semester of nursing school has the most pointless classes of the whole curriculum. While in past semesters for students in our current level, there have been many choices for the specialty class, there are now only two choices, both of which are not of much interest to most of my fellow classmates and I. For our last clinical rotation, the choices have also become more limited than in the past. We will be learning less in this last semester than we did in our first year of nursing school, which is upsetting. This is the time that we need to learn the most. We are going to be nurses in six months. I find it to be ridiculous that the school can't do something more to facilitate our learning experiences.

I like the location of the school and atmosphere. I also like the diversity.

I chose UWM-Milwaukee because it was closest to MY home. I otherwise would have chosen UW Madison since I already had credits accumulated there.

I wish that I would have had more clinical experience within the nursing program like a lot of private school offer.

My experiences here have been great; however, it has been great because of what I made of it. I would have had the ambition to do whatever I could anywhere that I went to college.

I have enjoyed my time at UWM, though a bit unorganized they did a good job of and i feel i am well prepared I had a good experience.

It was the perfect environment for my educational experience. A large university with a small university feel and with great experiences both inside and outside of the classroom.

Most of the professors are wonderful, however the structure of the program is terrible. I can understand, sort of, what they are trying to do with nursing education, and that they are trying to be on the "cutting edge" of nursing education and it will be great once it's finally understood, but until then, the students suffer. The clinical rotations, except for the 3rd semester, are awful and you have to stretch your imagination to get a grasp on the nursing involved. It's not just basics, like you get on a med/surg floor, it's case management, and hospice the final semester and the first two semesters you might as well not even be in the hospital, cause you can't do anything. The electives the final semester, are not what I call electives - we've got psych nursing and parish nursing. What is that?? This is very bizarre, and the fact that these conflict with my clinical schedule makes it even more frustrating and even less an elective. Now, they also set up classes for West Bend Students, all 8 of them, and they get the most relevant topic - AIDS, I'm not sure what's going on here, but I'm sure happy I'm done soon, and It's terribly unfortunate that with all the tuition and the extra tuition nursing students have to pay, I am sorely disappointed. However, I hear the grad to PHD program is great! Do the undergrads get the Shaft? We'll see once the NCLEX results get back. That's a scary thought. One more thing, I'm in the Froedert Partnership and they make it sound like it's so great to get into when you apply, I haven't found a single reason as to why? If anything, it limited my accessibility to clinical rotations and experiences. Half the preceptors had no idea that we were even in a cohort. It just organized so poorly.

There were very limited specialty classes within the nursing curriculum. Also the classes were slow paced.

Nursing program focuses on community and public health nursing more than I like. I would like more clinical hours in a hospital setting as well as more choices for clinical areas.

I love many things about this school. My mother has worked here for 25 years. I have frequented the campus since I was eleven years old.

Going UWM has allowed me to be closer to my family and save money.

Great diversity, growing alumni association

I was able to progress at my own pace, part time to full time

I was not satisfied with the overall organization and level of competence the School of Nursing offered.

There were multiple problems with signing up for classes and I felt that some of the courses were not worth the money or time I put into them. However, I did have some fantastic professors and have learned valuable information, and for that I am thankful.

I believe it is the best option to me in the Milwaukee area regarding nursing schools.

Inconvenient class locations (West Bend) and undesirable clinical spots

At times, I found it difficult to work with the nursing administration to accommodate my needs as a student.

The nursing program was slightly unorganized at times, but overall I feel I learned a great deal and am well prepared to begin my career.

My area of interest is not in community nursing

Despite some bumps along the road, I believe that UWM is a great school. I can't imagine that there is any perfect program out there, especially for nursing. I think the faculty is keeping up with research related changes to the best of their ability.

The emphasis of the Nursing Program is community nursing so I feel that we lack clinical experience that almost everyone else has.

clinical experiences were very disappointing, I had to travel to West Bend to take classes because the ones in Milwaukee were full, the staff was very unaccommodating, some staff did not seem knowledgeable in the area they were teaching, the program was very disorganized in setting up clinical experiences, grading by the teachers was very subjective and had little to do with content but more to do with the look of projects.

great experience, love the campus, close to home.

Because the cost for tuition was paid for by the military.

The nursing program is disorganized and could use an overhaul.

enjoyed the many 'colors' and wide spectrum of hangouts