

**College of Nursing  
2012 Graduating Senior Survey Comments by Response to  
"If you had it to do all over again, would you choose UWM? Why or why not?"**

**Definitely**

close to home. good school.

For better credential

I had a great experience with the school, it satisfied all my needs.

I have had a wonderful experience at UWM.

I love this school, very friendly enviornment.

I loved the language program available to students at UWM.

It was a good experience

It's close to home

Location, degree offerings, affordable

Quality Education

UWM is very affordable and the program are good.

**Probably**

Cheaper than private schools and has a good reputation for nursing

Convenient, and am relatively pleased with the program and opportunities available.

Cost

Good program and convenient.

I am unsure- I feel as though some of the instructors were really hard to learn from, and lab time was not utilized properly. We had out-of-date equipment to use for the majority of our skills. I was not given opportunity to study abroad- only a very select number of students were selected.

I do not live in the Milwaukee area, so it was difficult at times to commute the hour drive to get to classes.

I enjoyed the 2 year nursing school process.

I like the campus and student diversity, but I wish I would have attended a school with more campus spirit and sporting events.

I love UWM! I love the location, the size, the population. I am very happy about attending UWM.

I really like UWM's location and the cost of attending school is reasonable.

I think that more could be done to assist with financial aid (consistent application issues each semester related to lost paperwork by the department )course selection, and transfer of credits

In few words, I feel that the nursing program is too community based and not medical/skills based. I would have liked to go to MSOE perhaps

Location of school, cost and ability to get into university in an appropriate time frame were major factors in my decision. I might search other programs to see how they might better have met other needs.

location was difficult for me-3 hour round trip

Needs more clinical experience for Nursing

Reasonable price and location

The location is convenient.

Value

I loved UWM's atmosphere overall, but I did feel the need to always be walking with someone at night. I utilized the MCTS bus routes frequently my freshman and sophomore year, but commuted to the Veterans Park UBus lot after some of the times changed. I was disappointed when Veterans Park became unavailable but liked the Columbia parking garage... if I was there by 8 or 9 A.M. I hope UWM. continues to find way to provide adequate parking for its many students.

I had some wonderful instructors who helped me when I needed it and made classes I was concerned about manageable. There were a few, particularly TA's, that were frustrating and did not want to take the time to assist students; it appeared they just wanted to get through grad school. Luckily, I found other people in those classes who were willing to work with each other and figure things out.

When it came to navigating through the nursing program, particularly pre-nursing, I got the best advice on how to go about selecting classes from friends further in the program.

I understand the nursing major itself is going through some changes. With the budget cuts, some students in the program have already been affected by the loss of preceptorships and clinical sites. Additionally, the nursing major is looking to add more to its curriculum. It was surprising to me to learn that students majoring in Diagnostic Medical Sonography are required to have 100 hours of work as a Certified Nursing Assistant before they can enter the major, yet there is no such requirement for Nursing students. A good portion of the first semester of the nursing major is dedicated to skills a CNA does. With budget cuts and the desire to add more to the curriculum, it may be beneficial for the nursing program to require students applying to the major to have a certain number of hours as a nursing assistant. This gives them a base for interacting with patients and completing skills such as blood pressures, and these could be quickly reviewed

The nursing program is well recognized and completing my BSN was much more convenient through UWM.

The Nursing Program was very confusing at times and needed better organization.

the program was an excellent value, and I believe it has well prepared me for the future. However, the program is heavily focused on community nursing and my primary interest in critical care/acute care and there was limited acute care preparation and no critical care training at all offered. It was a great value, but I would have preferred to have the option to gain speciality training in my field of interest instead of in the colleges field of interest.

Yes - lowest cost for a BSN in the area

No - not overly pleased with the CON

Yes I would because the nursing program is excellent here.

**Probably No**

Curriculum did not satisfy my needs. College did not offer enough scholarships to meet my needs. Extremely expensive for the time I spent at school and amount of time I spent at other institutions getting information I needed to pass classes. Did not satisfy my learning needs. I feel like I wasted my time and money at the school.

I don't find UWM to be forward thinking enough to provide ample opportunity for ADN to MSN seekers. The opportunity of priority placement in MSN for FNP was supposedly guaranteed by taking the advanced expensive undergrad classes online. That has not occurred for many of my classmates. Additionally, UWM should offer more graduate classes online. Once an RN is at graduate level, she/he is most likely working full time and possibly supporting a family. Having most classes on campus during day hours makes working difficult.

I felt like I didn't learn enough skills in my first two nursing clinical semesters

I was really disappointed with the nursing program. I had much higher expectations and while some professors were great, the bulk of the program was not at all what I was expecting out of UWM.

I would find a school that offered more credit for life experience and previous schooling.

My first degree was from Marquette, and I wish I would have gone back there for my second degree too. The only thing holding me back was the high tuition.

My selection of class sections and clinical experiences was significantly hindered by the fact that I was a first degree student. A large majority of students in the nursing major were 2nd degree students and due to the way the registration system is set up (with more credits equaling an earlier enrollment time) it left me with last pick every semester for my clinical experiences. Although the clinical semesters are set up to have the same sort of experiences I have found through talking to others that this is just not always the case. I also feel it will hinder my future employment as many that gain experience in a clinical site are able to use that experience to get their foot in the door at choice hospitals. I was very disappointed in UWM's policy or lack of, in regard to this situation. I understand it for the rest of the college, but in the nursing major it is not a practical or fair system. If I would have known the way clinical sections were chosen once in the major I would have considered a different nursing school with a more practical and fair system.

The class sizes were too big. Did not feel I learned as much as I could have.

The clinical experiences were poor. The program was too specific to community health for an undergraduate program.

The nursing program at UWM is markedly behind all other nursing programs in the state of Wisconsin. When asked to complete tasks in clinical, I would use my standing as a UWM student as a reason why I was unable to complete that task (due to limited exposure) and the staff would understand.

The nursing program focused on areas in which undergraduate students should not need to focus on at this time including: community based clinicals. Also It is ridiculous that the College of Nursing does not take action to ensure equal opportunity for students registering for classes.

The nursing program is too disorganized and I don't feel there is much integrity. Some students were given special privileges and were told to stay hush hush about it by the coordinator. My advisor costed me thousands in costs because now I have to take classes after I graduate. The nursing program is laid out all in advance and she completely gave me misinformation on when to take classes.

The nursing program was not very flexible for someone who has to work. I had a hard time juggling school, work and scheduling. Some of the other programs I had looked into were more flexible, but unfortunately more expensive. Also would have liked to have more hands on clinical experience overall.

The nursing program was not very well structured and the staff teaching the core classes were not good teachers. The clinical and lab staff on the other hand were great!

The program was more community based than I would have selected if I had the choice.

There has been a lot of disorganization and lack of cooperation with advisers.

UWM made financial sense to me. However, the nursing program was a great disappointment.

UWM Nursing Program is too community based

**Definitely No**

I am very disappointed that our last semester everyone or good amount of students were not able to experience a one on one preceptorship. Almost all other nursing schools i am aware of, precetorship is MANDATORY for a reason. Those who do preceptorships graduate with mastered skills and independence that I feel i do not have yet! Very disappointed!

The course work in the major of nursing I felt pushed the idea of community nursing over technical skills and knowledge that are required in the field. I felt going into clinical that nurses and health care professionals looked down on UWM nurses because of the lack of readiness of field experience related to poor training in nursing lab.

**No rating**

Close to where I live and work.

I had a good experience at UWM.

I probably would choose to attend UWM again since I earned a great GPA and am able to graduate a semester early.

Might have gone to Madison to persue law

Process is slow