Nondegree/Visiting Student Guide

Resources

Academic Advising
Advising and education planning (https://acsss.wisc.edu/) are available to community adults and university employees, as well as to University Special students and returning adult degree students. The goal is to help adults make a decision regarding further education.

Financial Information
Many forms of financial aid, including federal financial aid, require a student to be in degree status. Therefore, such aid is not available to University Special students with the exception of those enrolled in Capstone certificates (UNCS classification) and those taking prerequisites for graduate or professional school admission (UNRS classification). These students must meet the eligibility criteria outlined at: https://financialaid.wisc.edu/eligibility/.

The Adult Career and Special Student Services office administers a scholarship and grant program specifically for returning adult students and single-parent students, mostly in degree status. Grants are awarded three times each year, and scholarships on an annual basis. Details are provided at the ACSSS website Financing Your Education (https://acsss.wisc.edu/financing-your-education/).

Other Campus Resources for Nondegree and Adult Students
University Special students enrolled for credit and paying student segregated fees have access to the services and programs on the same terms as degree students. This includes University Health Services, Student Health Insurance Plan, McBurney Disability Resource Center, Office of Child Care and Family Resources, the Madison Metro Bus Pass, Division of Information Technology (DoIT), University Recreation & WellBeing, Veterans Services and Military Assistance Center, and many more. Consult the listing at Adult Career and Special Student Services (https://acsss.wisc.edu/new-student-resources/) for more information.