

# NURSING, BSN

## RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### SIGNE SKOTT COOPER HALL

In fall 2014, the School of Nursing moved to the new Signe Skott Cooper Hall. This \$53.3 million nursing building features world-class technology and innovative educational spaces that will allow the nursing school to address health care's new standard of excellence—high-tech and high-touch methods and practices that result in better patient outcomes and greater satisfaction with care.

### ADVISING AND STUDENT SERVICES

#### OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Office of Academic Affairs is the undergraduate dean's office for the School of Nursing. Staff members interpret school regulations, policies, and program requirements; make exceptions around requirements and deadlines; advise prospective and current students; monitor students having academic difficulties; coordinate compliance; facilitate the program's admissions process; and maintain the official files of students in the school.

#### ACADEMIC ADVISING

Academic advising is an essential component of undergraduate education. The primary advising mission in the School of Nursing is to help students identify and clarify their academic pathways and educational goals, and to help them develop meaningful plans to ensure academic success. Advising is an ongoing, caring, and collaborative relationship between advisor and student that provides meaning, guidance, and support throughout the educational process. Every pre-nursing (PRN) and nursing (NUR) student is assigned a professional advisor in the nursing school (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate-menu/undergraduate-advising/>). Advising is offered in individual appointments, group advising, and graduation checks for seniors.

#### CAREER ADVISING

In addition to professional academic advisors, the School of Nursing has career advising available to help students prepare for a successful career in nursing. Services include resume and job search assistance, online job postings, information sessions, and nursing career fairs.

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Career & Student Success (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/support-assistance/nursing-learning-center/>) Academic Support has a mission to develop the next generation of nurse leaders by providing holistic, culturally congruent student support across four dimensions: academic support, leadership and connection, career development, and wellness throughout the student experience. Students can gather with other like-minded, focused, and enthusiastic students to improve not only their understanding of the course material but of their own learning styles. Sessions are designed to assist pre-nursing and nursing students in weekly small-group study formats. Current courses supported include anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and pathology, as well as courses in

the nursing curriculum. Workshops and other sessions help students with test preparation, study skills, time management, etc.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The School of Nursing encourages and supports students to pursue their interests and form social networks. In addition to numerous associations available to students on the broader campus (including the Aspiring Nurses Association [ANA] for pre-nursing students), there are a number of student-run groups established specifically for current nursing students. These include the Student Nurses' Association, the Multicultural Student Nurses' Organization, the Nurse's Christian Fellowship, the Global Health Interest Group, the Holistic Nursing Group, the Perinatal Interest Group, and the Student Geriatric Interest Group. The purpose of these groups is to give students the opportunity to enhance their experiences related to professional development, social circles, political action, community service, and academic achievement, as well as foster connections between faculty, staff, and students.

### FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The School of Nursing awards more than \$400,000 in scholarships each year to admitted undergraduate nursing students. Awards are based on both academic merit and financial need. Students are invited to apply to nursing specific scholarships, as well as campus-wide or non-nursing scholarships, through the Wisconsin Scholarship Hub or WiSH (<http://scholarships.wisc.edu/Scholarships/>).