

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program**  
**Parallel Plan Appointment Preparation Worksheet**  
**Post-Admission Decision Notification**



The University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Nursing aims to support our current and prospective students to the best of our ability and resources. This includes meeting with applicants who are not offered admission to our Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs via Parallel Plan Appointments. The goal of the appointments is for the students to discuss their next steps to pursue their parallel plan. A parallel plan is an alternate route, which can lead you toward your educational and career goals. All prospective and pre-nursing students are advised to have a parallel plan because there are a limited number of seats in our BSN programs, and the number of applications exceeds the number of available seats.

Parallel Plan Appointments are replacing Reflection Appointments. The goals of both appointments are the same, however, application feedback will no longer be provided to students. Application feedback was eliminated to provide more support to students around moving forward, taking next steps, and to be consistent with the larger UW-Madison campus, where feedback is not provided.

**How do I arrange a meeting?**

Advisors/Coordinators will begin meeting with students who were not offered admission to the University of Wisconsin—Madison School of Nursing BSN program as availability allows. To schedule an appointment:

- **Current UW-Madison applicants** can make an appointment with their Pre-Nursing Advisor via [Starfish](#):
  - Molly Censky (last names A-L)
  - Kate Knudson (last names M-Z)
- **Off-campus applicants** can make an appointment with the Undergraduate Admissions & Recruitment Coordinator, Lauren Foley, by (1) emailing [admissions@nursing.wisc.edu](mailto:admissions@nursing.wisc.edu) or (2) calling 608-263-5180 Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

Meeting Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**How should I prepare for the meeting?**

**This worksheet must be completed in preparation for meeting with a School of Nursing advisor or coordinator.** Bring a copy of this worksheet and be prepared to discuss it during the meeting.

1. How have you processed your admission decision? How are you feeling?
  
2. What is your parallel plan? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you plan to continue to pursue nursing?                      YES                      NO                      UNSURE  
 What are your next steps?

	<i>Example</i>	<b>Alternate Major</b>	<b>Alternate Route to Nursing</b>
<b>What is your parallel plan?</b>	<i>Pursue nursing at a different school.</i>		
<b>What are your next steps?</b>	<i>1. Reach out to other schools. 2. Gather materials needed to apply to their programs (i.e., resume, transcripts, references).</i>		
<b>Who do you need to contact?</b>	<i>Mary Berry, Admissions Coordinator at ABC University, <a href="mailto:maryberry@abcuniversity.abc">maryberry@abcuniversity.abc</a></i>		
<b>What is your timeline for taking steps?</b>	<i>Jan 1: Application deadline May: Decision notification June 1: Respond to offer</i>		

3. How could the School of Nursing support you?