



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN **BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING**

A self-paced degree completion program from UW-Milwaukee

Available for the first time in the UW Flexible Option format, the Biomedical Sciences Diagnostic Imaging degree completion program offered by the UW-Milwaukee College of Health Sciences presents imaging professionals with a new opportunity to advance their education and careers.

This bachelor of science degree requires a minimum of 120 credits and is available to individuals who hold active registry from ARDMS (American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography), ARMRIT (American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists), ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists), or CCI (Cardiovascular Credentialing International) and have completed an associate degree or hospital-based diploma program.

The program is specifically designed for diagnostic imaging professionals interested in earning a bachelor's degree that matches the professional experience they have already acquired, enabling them to stay competitive in today's job market and advance further in their careers.

Self-paced, competency-based format

The UW Flexible Option offers busy adults a new way to earn a college degree, different from traditional face-to-face classroom or online instruction. As a student in this program, you will:

- » **Start any month.** Earn your degree without being locked into (or out of) a traditional semester schedule.
- » **Earn credit for using existing knowledge.** Make the most of your prior work and learning experiences.
- » **Advance at your own pace.** Make progress by passing assessments. Pass one and move on to the next.
- » **Receive personalized support.** Get help and guidance from an Academic Success Coach.
- » **Learn skills employers value.** By passing rigorous assessments, you will prove your mastery of key skills.

Best of all, you will graduate with a degree from a University of Wisconsin institution that is recognized and respected.

Who should apply?

This self-paced degree program is ideally suited for:

- » Professionals holding an active registry from ARDMS, ARRT, or CCI. Students who have completed an associate degree or hospital-based diploma program in a diagnostic imaging discipline AND who hold current, active registry from ARDMS, ARMRIT, ARRT, or CCI will be awarded 60 credits toward the 120-credit degree completion minimum.
- » Motivated, disciplined self-starters who can work independently.
- » Anyone who desires the prestige and value of a University of Wisconsin degree.



Find out if the Flexible Option is right for you

Take the Flex Fit self-evaluation—a free online survey designed to help you and a Flex enrollment adviser determine whether a Flexible Option program is a good fit for you. Visit flex.wisconsin.edu.

Areas of Study

To earn this degree, students must fulfill the General Education Requirements necessary for a UWM bachelor's degree, any elective requirements, and the unique competency sets that define this program:

FOUNDATION COMPETENCIES

Lower Division Competency Sets

- » HS 102—Healthcare Delivery in the United States
- » BMS 205—Introduction to Diagnostic Medicine
- » HCA 220—Leading Healthcare Professionals
- » ENG 206—Introduction to Business and Technical Communication
- » BMS 245—Client Diversity in Health Sciences required for CD credit
- » ECON 210 (or equivalent)—Elementary Statistics

Upper Division Competency Sets

- » BMS 301—Human Pathophysiology-Fundamentals
- » BMS 302—Human Pathophysiology-Organ Systems 1
- » BMS 303—Human Pathophysiology-Organ Systems 2
- » BMS 304—Human Pathophysiology-Organ Systems 3
- » BMS 305—Human Pathophysiology-Organ Systems 4
- » KIN 400—Ethics and Values in the Health and Fitness Profession
- » NURS 453(or equivalent)—Information Management and Healthcare Technology
- » HS 311—Law for Healthcare Professionals
- » BMS 458—Seminar in Advanced Diagnostic Imaging
- » BMS 463—Seminar in Management and Education
- » BMS 590—Professional Growth and Advancement in Imaging

NEXT STEPS

Take the Flex Fit self-evaluation—a self-paced, online survey designed to help you and a UW Flexible Option enrollment adviser find out if this innovative educational format is the right fit for you. There is no cost for taking the Flex Fit, and no obligation.

Ready to get started? Call 1-877-895-3276 or visit flex.wisconsin.edu today!

About the UWM College of Health Sciences

The UWM College of Health Sciences offers the largest number of health-related degree programs in Wisconsin, training its graduates for high-demand careers. The research activities of the UWM College of Health Sciences faculty and staff encompass groundbreaking urban and population studies, pioneering biomedical research investigations, advances in movement science, ingenious rehabilitation research and development, innovative applied clinical technologies, and novel disease-prevention approaches. These activities are supported by the resources of four academic centers and 13 state-of-the-art laboratories within the college, and millions of dollars in funds from reputable institutions such as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U.S. Department of Education.



**A UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN DEGREE**
on your busy schedule?

NOW, it's an option.



UW flexible option
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM

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Would you like to earn a UW degree,
but don't have time for classes?

Have you considered taking courses online,
but worry about quality, credibility, and cost?

Do you have significant skills and knowledge
gained through prior education or work
experience?



THEN THE
UW Flexible Option
WAS MADE FOR YOU!

With the UW Flexible Option, you can:



Earn credit for what
you know (no matter
where you learned it)



Advance at your own pace



Start and stop your
studies when you want



Test when you are ready



Graduate with the skills
employers value

TURN THE PAGE
to see how the UW Flexible Option
lets you earn a respected degree
at a pace that fits your life.

IT'S TIME to flex your **POTENTIAL**

You're smart. Hardworking. You have the potential to go far.
But without a college degree, it's not easy to get ahead. You'd like
to go back to school, but between work and family, how would you
make it fit?

Introducing the **University of Wisconsin Flexible Option**—a more
personalized, convenient, and affordable way to reach your education
and career goals.

Take control of your education

A partnership between University of Wisconsin System campuses and
UW-Extension, the UW Flexible Option is specially designed to fit the
lives of working adults like you.

Its self-paced, competency-based format lets you start any month,
work at your pace, and earn credit for what you already know. With the
Flexible Option, you don't come to campus and you'll never spend time
or money taking courses you don't need.

At last, you can earn the University of Wisconsin degree you need to
advance your career—whenever and wherever your schedule allows!

COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION

IT'S WHAT YOU KNOW

that counts

The University of Wisconsin Flexible Option offers a new way to earn a UW degree or certificate because it awards credit based on competency, not class time. This special difference puts you in control of your education as never before.

In education, the term *competency* refers to the skills, knowledge, attitudes, and abilities that students are expected to master in a field of study. In other words, competencies are learning outcomes—the things you should know and be able to do.

The idea of competencies is not unique to the UW Flexible Option. What is unique is the Flexible Option's competency-based format. Unlike traditional degree programs, the Flexible Option lets you earn credit based on how well you've mastered the competencies that are essential to your chosen degree—not on the number of hours you've spent in a classroom.

Learn at your own pace . . .

By emphasizing competency over credit hours, the UW Flex Option lets you advance toward a UW degree at a pace you decide. As soon as

you can pass an assessment that proves you have mastered a competency—whether it's a test, thesis paper, interview, or hands-on demonstration—you can move on to the next competency and assessment.

. . . and earn credit for what you already know.

A major benefit of competency-based education is that it allows you to draw upon existing knowledge to make progress toward your degree. It doesn't matter where you gained your knowledge—from prior courses, work experience, military training, or other experiences. If you know it, you can use it to pass assessments more quickly—and potentially accelerate your time to graduation.

ACCREDITED PROGRAMS ARE

FLEXIBLE & focused on you

The UW Flexible Option puts you at the center of your college education. Its competency-based format gives you the freedom and tools to earn a respected University of Wisconsin degree at your own pace, whenever and wherever your schedule allows.

Start and stop studies when you want

- » Begin any month
- » Study when and where it's convenient
- » Take breaks when you need to

Advance at your own pace

- » Make progress by passing assessments
- » Accelerate your time to graduation
- » Take more time if you need it

Test when you're ready

- » Take practice assessments
- » Prepare using quality learning resources

Earn credit for what you know

- » Complete assessments using existing knowledge
- » Never spend time or money taking courses you don't need

Get support from an Academic Success Coach

- » Create a personalized learning plan
- » Get help preparing for assessments
- » Plan a schedule that's right for you

Master essential competencies

- » Gain real-world skills
- » Prove your knowledge through rigorous assessments
- » Be prepared to succeed in the workplace

Graduate with a genuine UW credential

- » Receive your degree from a partnering UW System institution
- » UW Flex Option degrees are the same degrees offered by traditional programs

Master the skills employers value

A degree is only as good as the education behind it. That's why distinguished UW faculty draw upon the latest standards in business and industry to identify the essential competencies required for graduation. This ensures that UW Flexible Option students are equipped with the knowledge and skills employers want and need.



move forward **AT YOUR OWN PACE**

WITH HELP FROM A PERSONAL SUCCESS COACH

Earning a UW degree through the Flexible Option format is every bit as challenging as earning a UW degree through traditional means. You'll be expected to meet the same rigorous academic standards for which all UW degrees are known. That's why the UW Flexible Option partners every student with an Academic Success Coach for personalized mentoring and advising.

Your coach will work with you to create a learning plan and timeline customized to fit your goals and knowledge. He or she will also help you prepare for assessments and

point you to the learning resources you need to succeed. These resources can include textbooks, Web pages, and free online resources offered by other universities—as well as credit-based courses, structured internships, service projects, and work and practical experiences.

The UW Flexible Option puts you in control of your own learning, but your Academic Success Coach is always there to help.

Save time and money with flat-rate tuition

The UW Flexible Option offers an affordable way to earn a UW degree or certificate. Instead of paying by course or by credit, you pay a flat rate for a subscription period you choose. Are you highly motivated with lots of experience? Choose the "All-You-Can-Learn" option to move as fast as you are able through your competencies and assessments. Want to study at a slower pace? The "Single Competency-Set" option is for you. Visit flex.wisconsin.edu for details.

Hiring managers prefer public university degrees

When asked their overall opinion of the four major higher education options, hiring managers ranked public universities highest (88% positive) compared with private (82%), community (76%), and for-profit colleges (60%).

Source: Brand Perceptions in Higher Education (US), ipsos OTX, commissioned by Google, fall 2011.

achieve **YOUR GOALS**

WITH A UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN EDUCATION

Where you get your degree is important. The University of Wisconsin System is one of the largest and most widely respected organizations in the country for delivering public higher education. UW Flexible Option programs are created by the same faculty using the same rigorous content and standards as traditional UW programs. That means you will graduate with the same high-quality degree as students who attend class on campus. A degree that is recognized and respected. These are UW degrees, made to fit your schedule—so you can flex your potential!

**IS THE
UW Flexible Option
RIGHT FOR YOU?**

Now's a great time to find out!

Visit flex.wisconsin.edu for more information, including a list of current degree program offerings. Then call **1-877-895-3276** for a personalized consultation to discuss your goals and readiness for this innovative program.



GETTING A UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN EDUCATION

just got more
FLEXIBLE

Built on the long-standing foundation of high-quality University of Wisconsin degree programs, the UW Flexible Option offers busy adult learners a smart new way to earn a degree or certificate. Start anytime, advance at your own pace, and earn credit for what you already know. At last, you can earn the University of Wisconsin degree you've always wanted, but never had time to get.



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