FLEX OPTION UPDATE
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Getting a college degree just got more flexible.

Introducing a groundbreaking new way for working adults to earn a college degree from a University of Wisconsin System campus.

**Programs**
- Nursing
- Information Science
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Business/Technical Communication
- Associates Degree

**New Markets**
- Adult and non-traditional learners
- Some college credit (700,00 in Wisconsin)
- Already in workforce

**New Roles**
- Academic Success Coach
- Faculty as guide

**Operations**
- Admissions
- Registrar
- Financial Aid
- Bursar
- Academic Support Systems

The Flex Option at UW-Milwaukee & UW-Colleges
# Flex vs. ‘Traditional’ Instruction

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<td>Semester-based</td>
<td>3-month subscription periods, start 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; of every month, 12 per year</td>
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<td>Courses taken with other students</td>
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<td>Credit earned by completion of course</td>
<td>Credit earned by passing assessments that demonstrate competency</td>
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<td>Faculty member instructs students as a group</td>
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<td>Traditional advising role</td>
<td>New role—academic success coach</td>
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<td>Administrative systems designed for semester-based instruction (registrar, financial aid, bursar, etc.)</td>
<td>Necessitates new strategies for every aspect of student-related administrative systems</td>
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“Perhaps the most watched competency-based experiment is being developed by the University of Wisconsin.” New York Times, October 29, 3013

Key dates
- November 11 Flex Fit launched (2,500 have started)
- November 18 Admissions open
- January 2 Students start work in D2L
- Other Updates

- Flex ads placed on interactive marketing sites
- PR grade proposal to Dec. Faculty Senate
- Student Information System, Customer Relationship Management system RFPs in process
Competency Set Orientation for: Strategic Writing for Organizations

Strategic Writing for Organizations

Competency Set Orientation

This is an orientation to the competency set. In it you will find an overview, information about practice and scored assessments, information about the types of resources available, and a suggested path to maximize your progress.

Overview Learning Resources Practice Assessments Assessments Set Map
Questions?