

# Going to the Source: Assessing the Library Needs of Master's Nursing Students

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## OBJECTIVE

Conducted structured group interviews with master's level nursing students near the end of their program in order to learn more about interactions with the library and the UW School of Nursing liaison librarians.

## THEMES

- Physical environment
- Study space for collaboration
- Individual consultation
- In-curriculum teaching
- Electronic access 24/7
- Library/production software support
- Post-academia access

## INTERVIEW RESULTS

### MAIN FOCUS

- Improve the students' efficient use of time

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARIES

- Improve library environment and library hours
- Streamline flow of in-curriculum classes and consultations
- Increase numbers and timing of faculty referral of students to librarians
- Tailor and improve branding and marketing of resources and services
- Provide extracurricular library classes including software instruction

## THE STUDENTS

- Come from diverse backgrounds
- Are under extreme time constraints
- Have variable library experience

## NEXT STEPS

- ✧Present findings to the UW School of Nursing
- ✧Share insights with the UW Libraries community in an Assessment Committee forum
- ✧Lessons learned from these interviews may be applied to other programs