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UW-Manitowoc Student Spotlight: 2014 car crash forced Lori Maloney into new career path

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Lori Maloney Provided

Note: This Spotlight series recognizes a UW-Manitowoc student's academic achievements and personal story. Students are nominated for this spotlight by faculty and staff.

Name: Lori Maloney

Age: 47

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Currently residing: Manitowoc, WI

Career program/major: Nursing

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What led you to choose your program or major? Due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident in 2014, I was left unable to work in my former career as a board-certified massage therapist. Nursing is a career that runs in my family, and it seemed almost like a natural step toward a new career.

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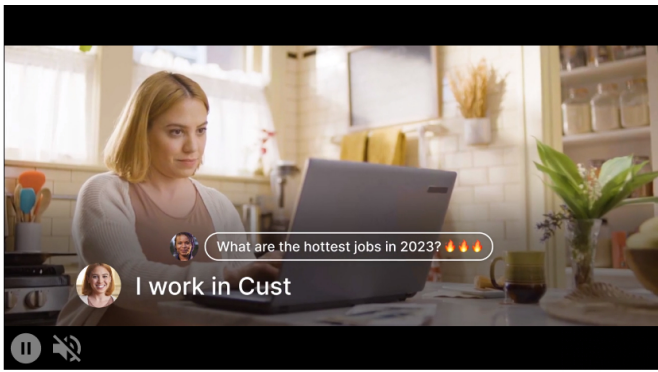
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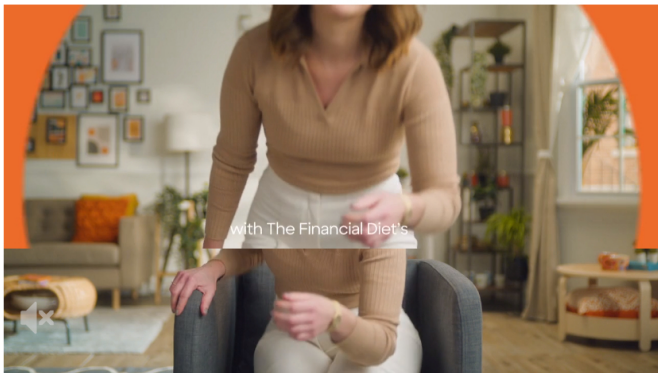
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Why did you decide to become a University of Wisconsin student at UW-Manitowoc? UW-Manitowoc had the options I needed close to home, and the small campus was an ideal fit for me.

Is there someone at UW-Manitowoc who made a difference in your life or inspired you? I have had some incredible instructors and professors who have made an impact during my time at the UW. Professors Rebecca Abler, biological sciences; Breyawn Lybbert, chemistry; Tracy Smith Leiker, biological sciences; and Ben Strieter, English, have made the biggest impact on my academic life.

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What is one piece of advice you would give to an incoming UW-Manitowoc student? Never be fearful of approaching your professor/instructor and saying, "I really don't get this" or, "I could use a little more help." Nearly every instructor I have taken a course with has gone above and beyond to be sure I have a firm grasp on the topics we are learning, by either taking the time in class or scheduling office hours to accommodate my schedule.



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Describe something unexpected that happened here at UW-Manitowoc. The most unexpected and unanticipated thing that happened was the friendships I established with my fellow students. As a non-traditional student, I fully expected the age difference to be an obstacle in relating to my student peers. It was not the case at all!

When not in class or studying, what keeps you busy? My husband Tom and I are parents to seven pretty great kids, they seem to fill up our lives pretty well.

What are your plans after UW-Manitowoc? I will be attending the nursing school at Silver Lake College in the fall to complete my Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. Once I complete my BSN, I plan to become a travel nurse — and my family and I will begin our new journey.

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