



A Place for Innovation

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As the leading nursing research institution in Wisconsin, the School of Nursing requires an equally innovative environment that stimulates productivity, creativity, connection, focus, and well-being. Signe Skott Cooper Hall, home to Badger nursing since 2014, stands as one of the most innovative and advanced teaching and academic research facilities in nursing across the nation.

The five-story, 166,348-square-foot building is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver-certified and meets the highest current standards for green engineering and sustainability, reflecting the School's commitment to environmental health. The copious amount of natural light and green spaces also support physical and mental well-being for students, staff, faculty, and visitors.

Cooper Hall can also adapt to the ever-evolving needs of the nursing profession and health care with its high-tech classrooms and conference rooms, dozens of research project offices, and a large, flexibly designed third and fourth floor layout that accommodates office spaces and six signature research areas.

Words alone are not enough to convey everything there is to love about Cooper Hall. Take a peek inside to learn more about what makes it a key component to the innovative teaching and research happening at the School of Nursing.

An Inclusive Learning Community

Cooper Hall offers some of the largest active learning spaces in the country, designed to support best practices in nursing and interprofessional health education. In addition to a 300-seat auditorium, Cooper Hall also has classrooms that are fully interactive and integrated both wired and wireless instructional technology.



TIERED CLASSROOMS

Tiered classrooms are ideal for lectures, student presentations, and guest speakers. The room's layout and microphones make it easy to move about and participate in class discussions.

ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS

Active learning classrooms are designed for student collaboration. With LCD screens around the room, students always have a good view of presentations. Each table, or "pod," is equipped with microphones, outlets, and inputs to share laptop screens onto the TVs so they can present from their seats. When not in use for teaching purposes, students can use these spaces for studying.



World-Class Facilities. All in One Place.



SHAPIRO HOSPITAL SUITE

In the Shapiro Hospital Suite, students get to use state-of-the-art technology and experience high-pressure, high-stakes health emergencies in a safe setting. The human patient simulators can re-create health scenarios at every stage of patients' lives. The hospital suite includes:

- 1 patient & visitor waiting area
- 4 hospital rooms
- 2 control rooms
- 2 debriefing rooms
- 1 fully functional patient bathroom
- 1 medication room
- 1 nurses' station

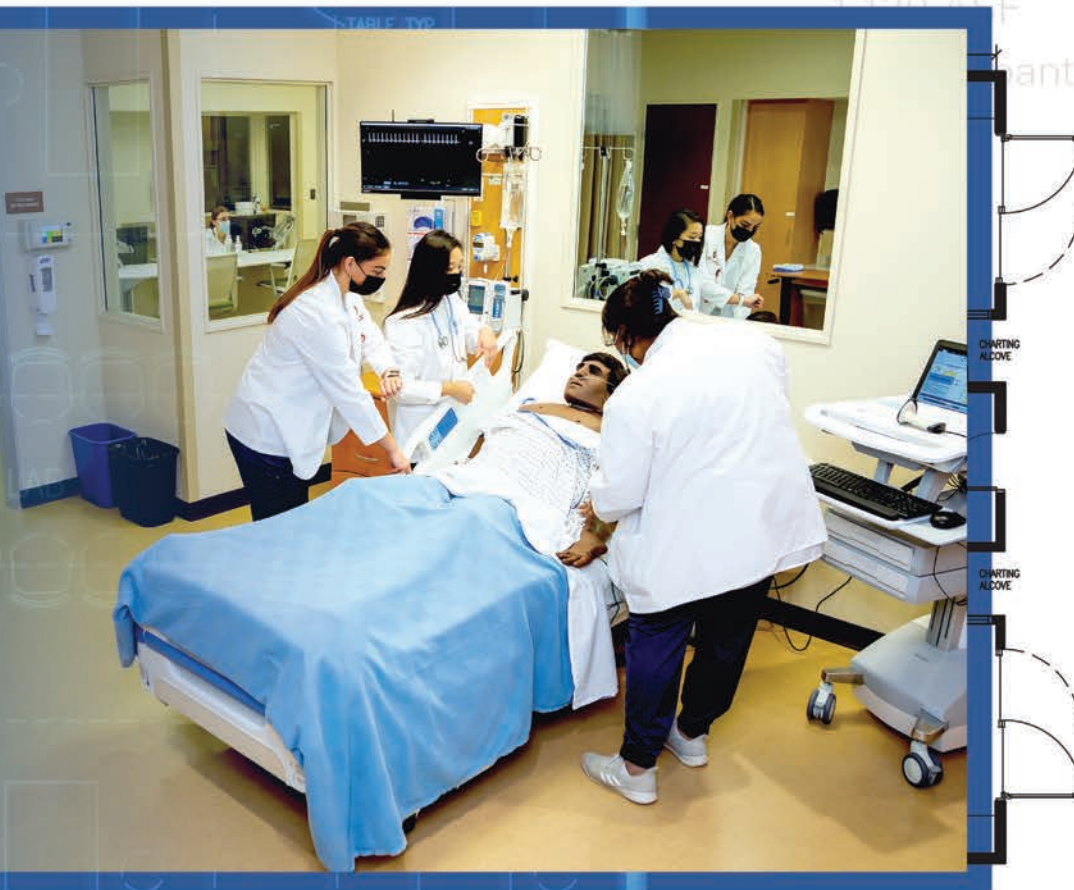
WEIKEL CLINICAL EDUCATION SUITE

The Weikel Clinical Education Suite helps students develop and practice nursing skills in a fully functioning clinic. The clinic area allows students to practice with specially trained actors who simulate behaviors and symptoms of real patients in different scenarios. Nearby, the eHealth Laboratory familiarizes students with the quickly developing discipline of e-health and telehealthcare. The clinical suite includes six examination rooms, a large skills lab, and a patient waiting area.

CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED NURSING

More than half of Cooper Hall's second floor is devoted to the **Center for Technology-Enhanced Nursing (CTEN)**, a suite of fully functional, simulated environments where students get to practice their skills hands-on. Our active learning environments address health care's standard of excellence: team-based, patient-centered care that stretches from the first clinic visit or hospital admission to in-home monitoring, encompassing the entire continuum of care.

When clinical sites closed their doors to student nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic, the remainder of their clinical hours were completed in CTEN, ensuring on-time completion for graduating students.



SIMULATED HOME ENVIRONMENT

Students can practice providing care in a fully-functioning one-bedroom apartment that simulates where a patient might reside. This area is equipped with floor sensors, cameras, and a state-of-the-art video recording and debriefing system.



Enriching the Mind and Body

The best innovation comes from collaboration and personal wellness. Outside the classroom, students and faculty can use a variety of public spaces to share ideas, stay active, and take much-needed breaks during hectic days.



CURRAN COMMONS

Located on the first floor, Curran Commons is the most popular place to meet up with friends, classmates, and colleagues. This versatile space has work stations, whiteboards, various seating areas, and even a fireplace!

REVIVE

Students and staff stop at Revive to fill their cup of coffee and grab a snack before their next class or meeting.

OUTDOOR SPACES

On warm, sunny days, students can be found in the courtyard hanging out, studying, or attending classes.

WILLIAMS CORNER

Located on the fifth floor, Williams Corner is a quiet spot to work as a group or independently. You can also get some fresh air on the balcony.



TREADMILL DESKS

Treadmill desks located on the second and third floors get the body moving while also allowing for work to get done.

MASSAGE STATION

Affectionately known to students as "Quinn", the massage station is an ideal spot to unwind and release tension during a stressful day.

MEDITATION & SELF-CARE ROOMS

Three different rooms on the first floor are designed for students to take time for mental well-being.

WALKING PATH

Cooper Hall has a one-mile indoor walking path, perfect for an indoor workout during cold or rainy days. When weather permits, take a scenic walk or bike ride outside on the nearby Lakeshore Path.



*Follow the arrows for
a quick workout!*

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