



Adult Nontraditional Student Resource Office



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[1. Welcome Back](#)

Welcome to the spring semester at UW Oshkosh! The ANSR office is a support service for adult nontraditional students. If you have questions about your schedule, where a class is located, parking, childcare or just need to connect with a friendly face, contact the ANSR office. We will be happy to assist you and help with any questions or concerns you have. Our office is in Dempsey Hall, Room 323. We are open year round. We offer extended hours to help meet the needs of the nontraditional student. Those hours are noted below.

It is important to note that several other offices on campus offer extended hours as well. Please refer to the grid below for offices and times.

<u>ANSR Office</u> (Other times available by appointment)	Monday – Thursday	7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Friday	7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
<u>Career Services</u> (Other times available by appointment)	Monday – Thursday	7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Friday	7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
	Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
<u>Center for Academic Resources</u>	Monday, Thursday, and Friday	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
	Tuesdays and Wednesdays	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<u>Computer Lab – Radford Hall Basement</u>	Monday - Sunday	Open 24/7 during fall and spring semesters
<u>Counseling Center</u>	Monday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Polk Library Building Hours 24/7 Research & Reference Help	Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - Midnight
	Friday	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Saturday	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday	11:00 a.m. - Midnight
Writing Center	Monday and Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
	Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
	Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
	Friday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

[2. Unwind With Us](#)

If you're feeling the PRESSURE of school, come DECOMPRESS with us!

The first week of school is often an anxious time. A nontraditional student sometimes finds the first week especially nerve-racking if she or he has been out of school for awhile.

We would like to hear about your school experiences in a special first-week "decompression" get-together. You'll meet other people like yourself and staff members who enjoy working with nontraditional students. You'll discover that you're not alone. Find the resources available to make your journey at UW-Oshkosh a success.

Date	Monday, February 11, 2008
Time	1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Location	Reeve Union, Room 214

Note: If you are unable to attend this session feel free to stop in or call the ANSR office for a listening ear and support. For the ANSR office hours, see the above chart.

[3. Lunch Bunch – February 13](#)

Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, February 13. We will be in Reeve Union on the first floor near the fireplace. *Lunch Bunch* will meet from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Come and go as you need to. The theme for February is **Love is in the Air!**

Watch for the *Lunch Bunch* signs! If you have any questions, please contact Paula Verrett at 424-3350. Bring or buy your lunch and stay for the conversation. Meet other nontraditional students and enjoy a relaxing break with your peers.

UPCOMING LUNCH BUNCH SCHEDULE	
March 12	Luck of the Irish to ya' : Wear green and win a door prize. March birthdays will be celebrated
April 9	Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain: Share a storm story with the bunch. April birthdays will be celebrated
May 14	May Day All the Way! What is your favorite flower and why? May, June, July birthdays will be celebrated

[4. Special Study Skills Class Now Available Online](#)

Are you just starting back to school? Are you concerned about taking notes, studying and those dreaded tests? Fear no more! The Reading Study Center is available to help you learn Strategies for improving your textbook study, time management, note taking, test preparation and test-taking skills. They offer a one credit Study Skills class in both the traditional 14-week format and new for spring this class is available in a seven-week online format. There are still several openings available in both formats.

Improve your overall academic performance by learning and using more sophisticated study techniques. Topics include time management, memory strategies, note taking, textbook study, test preparation, and test taking. To register or for further information, contact Melanie Marine, instructor, at marinem@uwosh.edu or call (920) 424-1031.

Career Services is the university's provider of career information, advice and occupational guidance. They are dedicated to creating a climate where students and alumni can access the resources needed to succeed in today's economy. Visit them [online](#) and view their schedule of events.

Graduate School Workshops (sponsored by Career Services) Participants can attend either or both sessions.	
Dates	Wednesday, February 13 - <i>Nuts and Bolts of Graduate School</i> Explore your interests and options. Wednesday, February 20 – <i>Graduate School Process</i> What is involved? What is the procedure? Share your concerns.
Time	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Location	Reeve Union, Room 213

[6. Diversity Workshop – February 16](#)

The Student Leadership Involvement Center (SLIC), along with several other programs on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus, is hosting a conference, Saturday, February 16, on how to become a leader in and out of the classroom. The conference, titled, "Becoming a Diverse City: Taking Charge of Change," is free to all UW Oshkosh students.

The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Reeve Memorial Union. Students can register online at www.reeve.uwosh.edu/slic/conference. Lunch will be provided. The conference offers keynote speakers, experiential workshops and educational sessions focusing on empowering students to take charge of the changes in themselves, their campus and communities. For more information, please contact Sara Ann Suwalski, Leadership Development Program Manager, at (920)424-3446 or suwalsks@uwosh.edu.

[7. Filing Your Financial Aid](#)

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications for the 2008-2009 school year is now available. We encourage ALL nontraditional students to apply for Financial Aid by the priority date of Saturday, March 15, 2008. If you have questions regarding the FAFSA, please contact the Financial Aid office at 424-3377 or our office at 424-1401. You may also visit the Financial Aid office online at www.uwosh.edu/fin_aids/.

A mistake on your FAFSA can delay the processing of your application by up to three weeks. One in seven FAFSA forms is returned due to errors. It could happen to you. Fastweb.com recommends these tips for avoiding common errors when completing your FAFSA.

- The most frequent mistake made is leaving a field blank. If the answer is zero or the question does not apply to you, write in a zero. If you leave a question blank, the processor will assume that you forgot to answer.
- Use the 1040 federal tax return for income reporting and reporting taxes paid. Some parents and students mistakenly use their W-2 form.
- Don't forget to report all the required sources of untaxed income. These include Social Security, child support and Aid to Dependent Children (ADC).
- Report your correct marital status. If you plan to file as a married student, you must be married on or before the date that you sign your FAFSA.
- Make sure to include your step-parent's information.
- Include yourself in the household size. Even if you didn't live there during the previous year, you should always include yourself as part of your parent's household.
- Don't forget to sign the application. If you're filing as a dependent, both you and your parents must sign. If you file online, you and your parents can sign the form electronically using your PIN numbers.
- Remember to file on time. Priority for programs with limited funds is often given to students who file the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible.

- As with all forms and applications, make sure you read the instructions and questions carefully. If you're unclear about a question or are having trouble filling out the FAFSA, check the [FAQ section](#) on the FAFSA Web site, or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED AID (1-800-433-3243).
- On the paper form, follow instructions with regard to using a pen or pencil.

To avoid these errors, get started early. Use the [Pre-Application Worksheet](#) to insure you've gathered all the necessary information.

[8. Nontraditional Student Organization \(NTSO\) Meeting – February 6](#)

Join NTSO at their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. They meet on the first floor of Reeve Union in the Common Ground room located next to Copy This. If you are interested in participating in NTSO or would like more information, please contact Karen Ticks, NTSO President, at ticksk03@uwosh.edu or come to a meeting.

NTSO is looking for nontraditional students to act as ambassadors to both prospective and current nontraditional students. NTSO Ambassadors help students with many different aspects of attending college (i.e. answer questions about classes, book buying, daycare, parking; give campus tours; email prospective & current students, etc.) If you are interested in being a NTSO Ambassador, please contact Wendy Van Ahn, NTSO Secretary, at vanahn@uwosh.edu or stop by the NTSO table at the February Taste of Oshkosh on Wednesday, February 6 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Reeve Union.

NTSO Spring 2008 Schedule	
Wed., Feb.20 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Managing your Notes & Time Do you ever wonder where your time goes? Do you take notes and still feel like you don't understand the material? Join NTSO and learn time management techniques and optimize your study skills.
Wed., Mar. 19 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Polk Library Learn more about Polk Library and the goldmine of help that the librarians can be to you when researching for your projects and papers. We will meet in Polk library.
Wed., Apr. 16 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	What Is There to Do at UWO? Learn the many ways you and your family and friends can be a part of the university outside of the classroom.

[9. Commuter Lounge](#)

Welcome back students! Some of you have been here for Interim, while others are starting the Spring '08 semester.

Be sure to stop in and check out the Commuter Lounge located in Reeve 210. This lounge is for all commuter students. It is a nice place to relax, study, or just have a cup of coffee and get to know other students who live off-campus.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Commuter Lounge, please contact us in the Adult Nontraditional Student Resource Office (ANSR Office) or stop in (we are in Dempsey 323). Our phone number is 424-3350.

[10. Summer 2008 Classes – February 25](#)

Looking for another way to pick up some additional classes but don't have time in the spring or fall semesters? Consider taking a class or two over the summer. You may now search for Summer 2008 classes on Titan Web. Registration for Summer 2008 classes will begin on February 25. Undergraduates should check Titan Web (after February 11) for their specific date and time. Special students may register beginning on March 3, 2008. Visit the [Summer Session](#) website for more information on classes.

[11. Continuing Education Opportunities](#)

How to Take an Online Course

Have you ever been interested in taking an online course, but were nervous about your computer ability? This course will cover all the basics you need to feel comfortable viewing lectures online, submitting homework into folders, working with D2L (Desire 2 Learn Software), downloading media files, researching on the Internet and online discussion groups. Basic computer skills will be covered in the process. The class will conclude with students sitting in on an online class in progress. [Registration](#) may be completed online.

Dates	Thursdays, April 10 - 24, 2008 (three sessions)
Time	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Location	UW Oshkosh Campus
Cost	\$50 for the general public, \$45 for UW Oshkosh alumni
Instructor	Kathy Lynch, Senior Lecturer, Computer Science Department

UW Oshkosh Summer Camps for Kids!

Want your children involved at UW Oshkosh? Enroll them in a summer camp! Theater workshops, choir camps, fire science camp...visit the [Continuing Education](#) website for a full list of summer camp listings and additional events offered through the Continuing Education & Extension office.

[12. Graduation Project Success – Congratulations to Graduates](#)

Congratulations to the Graduation Project students who have just completed their degrees! Nine students who had returned to UW Oshkosh to finish their coursework graduated this past semester. Each student had very different circumstances, but each has persevered to gain their bachelor's degrees. We're excited for all of them and wish them well in their futures.

The Graduation Project invites people who formerly attended UW Oshkosh to come back and finish their degrees. Students must have senior standing and at least a 2.0 grade point average. If this sounds like you or someone you know, please contact Katherine Chase at 424-4474 for more information or come to the ANSR Office to pick up a Graduation Project brochure. Visit the Graduation Project online at www.uwosh.edu/graduationproject.

[13. Veteran's Club](#)

Are you a veteran looking for support and friendship with other vets on campus? The Veteran Affairs office is looking for students interested in creating a Veterans Club. If you are interested in such a club or know someone who would be, please contact Rick LaChapelle in the Veteran's Affairs office located in Dempsey Hall, Room 146 or email lachar30@uwosh.edu.

[14. Climate Survey](#)

This spring a Climate Survey will be distributed to students. The survey will be sent out in late February or early March. The ANSR office encourages all students to complete this survey about your experience at UW Oshkosh.

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