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The future looks bright as the UCC Early Learning Academy construction continues. (December, 2020)

Carroll University Offers Bilingual Nursing Program on UCC Campus

The need for bilingual Spanish and English speaking nurses is at an all-time high: less than 1% of nurses in the state of Wisconsin are bilingual. Carroll University and UCC are looking to help solve that problem by offering a 2-year associate degree in nursing program (ADN) in the Fall of 2021 at the United Community Center. The program is designed to provide entry-level nursing career opportunities for bilingual students and ultimately diversify the current healthcare workforce.

Students who enroll in the program will have access to a fully equipped state-of-the-art nursing lab right on UCC's campus. They will begin nursing courses in their first semester of the program. Students can expect their patient care responsibility to grow from initial observation, to completing a 160-hour clinical capstone in an area healthcare facility. The program will provide students the opportunity to solidify their skills and network with area healthcare workers in preparation for the job search process upon graduation.

Carroll University has a long history of excellence in nursing education along with the reputation for preparing students for success. UCC is proud to host this program to ensure it is accessible to those in the community wishing to pursue this wonderful career opportunity.

For more information on enrolling in the program, please contact Michael Rodriguez at rodrigm@carrollu.edu or call (262) 524-7362.



**Interested
in a career
in nursing?**

Carroll University offers a
2-year associate degree
nursing program right here
at the UCC:



[carrollu.edu/academics/
health-sciences/adn-nursing](http://carrollu.edu/academics/health-sciences/adn-nursing)



A New Year New, Opportunities

Now more than ever, a new year brings a renewed sense of hope in the UCC family. As we look toward the future, we hope to continue to use our recipe for success to bring more opportunity to everyone we serve to achieve their potential and reach their dreams. Thank you to everyone in the UCC family for making our past 50 years possible and joining us on our journey to make an even bigger impact in the future.

Laura E. Gutierrez
-Laura Gutierrez

UCC's Recipe for Success

Ingredients

- 2,388 students across UCC campus
- 925+ staff and volunteers
- 4,000 meals prepared for senior community members
- 145 individuals enrolled in human services programs
- 75% of graduating seniors enrolled in college this fall
- 306 early learning students
- 392 donors and 85 corporate sponsors
- 50 years of community experience

Preparation

- Combine dedicated teachers with families and students to deliver effective lessons and resources promoting high academic standards through in-person and virtual learning.
- Blend in community volunteers and staff to deliver food to elderly community members.
- Infuse pre-college students with 1:1 guidance for personal and school success.
- Keep early childhood programs open safely to ensure families and essential workers have reliable childcare for our youngest learners.
- Top with dedicated donors and corporations whose funding and support allows UCC to thrive and grow.
- Cook for 50 years to build trust and rapport with Milwaukee's Hispanic community on the city's south side.
- Serve and enjoy with family and friends.

Prep Time: Serves: 18,000+
50 years annually

#Learning Never Stops at UCC

As we complete the first quarter of a school year like no other, we reflect on the many successes that UCC schools have had during these most difficult of times. Since August, our school staff and administration have been hard at work on campus to provide a quality education to all of our 1500+ students. Although it has not been an easy journey, the smiles on the students faces and the sense of growth and accomplishment has made it worthwhile!

UCC continues to offer both in-person and virtual learning to accommodate all families and students in grades K3-8. With our hybrid model, we have enjoyed seeing our students faces every day whether it be via a screen or face-to-face. While this Fall looked different than most with new safety procedures set in place, our goal of academic improvement and excellence continues.

The new year brings the opportunity to reflect and give thanks. We are thankful for the chance to still be connected and learning together. We are also so thankful for our dedicated teachers, as well as our UCC parents for all of their involvement in continuing their child's education. As a result of COVID relief funds, we upgraded students' Chromebooks and distributed more than 1000 new devices. Additionally, through the generosity of our donors, we provided Wifi Hot Spots to more than 200 families without reliable internet access. We continue to work to ensure our virtual and in-person learning is more effective and we remain committed to making sure that every student has the access and necessary tools to receive a great education no matter what the future holds.



New Grant Brings Robotics Program to More Students!

Through a new grant from Learn Fresh, United Community Center is expanding our First Lego League Robotics to all students in grades 3-5 as part of our science curriculum!

Our students will use First Lego League Robotics kits in the classrooms to study engineering through solving real world problems by designing the robots, coding the robots, and building prototypes to solve those problems together as a team. Students will also be able to practice their communication skills by building presentation boards to share how their team worked through the steps and how they designed their solution to the stated problem.

Thanks to Learn Fresh, this will be a wonderful, interactive addition to help expose UCC students to a variety of modern engineering skills.



Bringing Smiles to BGCS Students

Recently Bruce-Guadalupe Community School students have even more reasons to smile thanks to the Ascension Seton Mobile Dental Clinic. The Ascension Seton Mobile Dental Clinic is Milwaukee's only mobile dental care unit serving students and low-income community members who are most in need of dental care. Providing access at school eliminates transportation barriers for families.

Smart Smiles Coordinator at Ascension, shares "Ascension Wisconsin's Mission calls us to serve all people - especially those who are most vulnerable. To do this, we're continuously exploring additional opportunities to expand access to healthcare in the communities we serve. We hope to serve as many students as possible and have all students and community members with identified urgent dental needs finish their treatment plans, so that they can have good overall oral health."

When the unit is at schools like BGCS, it is on site for multiple days until all students in need of urgent dental care - for cavities, abscesses, infections and other critical dental issues - receive treatment. The exams taking place on the Mobile Unit allow a dentist to further investigate those needs and develop individual treatment plans, unique to each student's needs.

More than 90 BGCS students are taking advantage of the mobile clinic - each one leaving with a smile. Thank you Ascension for your support of UCC students!



Mobile Memory Clinic Brings Relief to Seniors and Caregivers

The UCC Mobile Memory Clinic is focused on serving our elderly community and has now begun offering telehealth appointments during the COVID-19 pandemic. The UCC Clinic is currently the only mobile Spanish speaking Memory Clinic in Southeastern Wisconsin that completes free initial memory screenings at the home of the patient (either in person or virtually).

With the new telehealth model, our nurse and social worker have been able to connect with patients and caregivers virtually while also connecting them with the clinic neurologist to conduct a diagnostic evaluation and exam. If a patient or family does not have access to the internet, our team goes above and beyond to drop off a mobile hotspot unit at the family's home, guides the family over the phone on set-up, and schedules a pick-up after the appointment. Our team is committed to providing quality memory screenings and diagnostic evaluations during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing our clients and their caregivers the benefit of quality diagnostic care while staying safe at home.

One caregiver positively describes her recent telehealth experience. "I was recommended by the Alzheimer's Association to use the UCC Mobile Memory Clinic. The neurologist was able to diagnose my mother and clarify a lot of our questions in regards to my mother's behaviors. I participated in the "Cuidado con Respeto" class that

gave me the opportunity to connect with others living with the disease."

Looking ahead, the Mobile Memory Clinic team at UCC will be offering webinars, informative videos, and virtual programming on topics including mental health, how to maintain an active lifestyle after 60, and home safety for loved ones living with Alzheimer's to help our senior patients and their loved ones stay engaged and connected to the community.

If you or a loved one would like to arrange for a tele-health memory assessment, please contact us at **(414) 649-2808**.



Memory clinic team celebrates Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

Community Support Allows UCC to Provide FREE Flu Shots

In late October, the Jack Ladky Gymnasium in Bruce-Guadalupe Middle School was transformed into a free flu shot clinic in partnership with Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin and Carroll University's Nursing Program. The space was arranged with tables that acted as small health units where student nurses welcomed each UCC family member and made them feel at ease. Individual staff members, parents, grandparents, as well as complete families with little ones visited this "temporary" clinic to receive their flu shot, fully recognizing how important the flu shot is this season. This was the first time the United Community Center offered a free flu vaccine clinic for students, families, and staff members. More than 230 individuals took advantage of this opportunity.



Thank you to Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin for donating the flu vaccines for our families and thank you to all the student nurses from Carroll University for making this flu shot clinic possible. We are grateful to these two partners, and we are happy that together, we provided our UCC family this important preventative health measure.



Pre-College Program Gets Creative to Support Students

With many high school students experiencing high levels of stress and pressure academically, but with less support in their virtual environments, the UCC Pre-College Program is working to be creative in offering support. The traditional case management model has taken on new meaning with staff reaching out via text, telephone, and Zoom calls to both students and parents to keep the connections active and to be a source of advice and comfort during these challenging times.

Programming has varied base on current COVID restrictions but highlights include:

- Drivers Education
- A Haunted House Meet-up
- Running Club
- Parent engagement seminars
- FAFSA Night
- Scholarships Program Night
- Election night watch party
- Ice Cream Social
- Workshops geared toward each high school grade level and college application process steps at that level.
- Loteria night
- Writers Workshop
- And a day of small group Friendsgiving events



Dulce proudly received multiple acceptance letters in one day.

With the goal of helping students navigate high school and the college pursuit process, the team continues to remain motivated to be creative and flexible to meet the students needs, and be a source of positivity during these difficult times.