

Results of Interest Survey (Partial)

Base		140
		100.0%
1. What is your level of interest in a post-baccalaureate accelerated program?	Very Interested	127
		90.7%
	Interested	12
		8.6%
	Somewhat interested	1
		0.7%
	Not very interested	-
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	Not interested at all	-
Total		140

Base		138
		100.0%
2. Why are you interested in a post-baccalaureate accelerated program?	I want to be a nurse because I believe I can “make a difference” in people’s lives	127
		92.0%
	I want a career with better advancement opportunities	88
		63.8%
	I want a career with better pay	60
		43.5%
	I want a career with better benefits	45
		32.6%
	There are limited jobs available in my current field	58
		42.0%
	I want an education that can be finished in a reasonable amount of time	86
		62.3%

2a. Other:

- "I've always wanted to go into nursing but have not had the opportunity due to the limited programs available in MT. I am looking at second degree programs out of state since I can complete a program in a shorter amount of time when compared to a traditional BSN."

- "I'm an older student with a degree and a significant amount of work experience (relevant and non-relevant), and an accelerated program is more targeted for me, more feasible time-wise and financially, and seems a more efficient use of time."
- "A nursing degree would complement my Master in Public Health degree and open the door to additional job opportunities in my field."
- "I feel that nursing studies is the 'missing piece' in my Physician Assistant clinical sciences career/degree."
- "Fulfillment"
- "I have been looking for an accelerated program to attend. I am from Montana and am glad that MSU is starting an accelerated program soon."
- "I want to pursue a Master's Degree in nursing after completion of a Bachelor's."
- "I have been a flight medic for 12 years. This is my passion."
- "I currently have a BA in Sociology and Global Studies from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. I'm interested in nursing because it would offer me many opportunities when combined with my sociological knowledge to work in a variety of different fields and places. I'm interested in the post-baccalaureate accelerated option because it would allow me to progress through the program as quickly as possible."
- "After completing a four year degree I would rather spend as little time necessary completing a second degree rather than experiencing the traditional college system again."
- "I want a Bachelors in Nursing, instead of an Associates. Seems more reasonable to get a Bachelors in 16 months versus an Associates in 2 years!"
- "was born in and grew up in Montana. I have a BA from UofM, and having lived outside of Montana for a while, I have decided to move back to my home state where I would like to live, raise a family and contribute something positive to my community. Health and wellness have been recurring themes in my life and I would like to pursue a career in nursing in Montana. However, as a post-bacc student in Montana, I have found pursuing that goal difficult as my needs are different than those of a first degree student. I have been disappointed that there is not currently an accelerated Nursing option for people like me in this state and have been considering moving away again. I am almost thirty and I am tired of moving. I love Montana and I want to stay here, but if I were to have to move yet again to achieve the training that suits me best, I doubt that I would still have the energy to uproot my family to move back here again. I am so excited to hear that MSU is considering an accelerated nursing option."
- "In layman's terms. I think I would be good at it."
- "In June, I will graduate with a history major from a liberal arts college. I have long been interested in health related fields, and I believe that a career as a nurse would best fit my interests and be fulfilling."
- "To augment my current healthcare career."

- "I would like more time off than my current profession allows. So working 3-4 days per week would be great. Currently, I have 5 days off per month and I work 10 hour days eleven days straight before I get only 3 days off."
- "I already have a bachelor's degree in another field, and I wish to obtain a higher degree, but in nursing."
- "I originally started in pre-nursing in Seattle and finished all but two prerequisite courses. We moved to Montana, but there was a waiting to list to get into the nursing program and so I went into business instead. I finished my business degree, but have always felt more comfortable in the healthcare field (worked as a CNA several years ago) and still want to finish that nursing degree. I am 48 years old and believe I can put my skills to good use in the nursing field."

Base		106
		100.0%
3. What barriers might keep you from enrolling in the proposed alternative?	Family responsibilities	36
		34.0%
	Financial responsibilities	75
		70.8%
	Job responsibilities	19
		17.9%
	Reside a long distance from Bozeman	36
		34.0%
	Concerned that I can't be successful	5
		4.7%

3a. Other

- "I would make it work. It would be a closer option than going out of state. I am a bit concerned about transfer credit to MSU and possibly having to take coursework over."
- "None."
- "none"
- "I don't believe there would be any barriers to my enrollment."
- "None, I have the funds (GI Bill) and I live in the local area."
- "Acceptance to another accelerated program. I have begun the application process to other programs, and they are far away. No programs were offered in Montana, and since I am a graduate of Montana State (and LOVE it), I would much rather attend here in Bozeman."

- "NONE I want to do this and I want to go to MSU"
- "None"
- "Nothing could keep me from enrolling."
- "Currently not a Montana State resident, out of state tuition is a barrier"
- "That it doesn't start soon enough!"
- "There isn't anything that would prevent me from enrolling in the accelerated program. I would love to go to school at Montana State but the only thing preventing me from applying is the fact that currently there isn't an accelerated program offered."
- "Although I do live far from the Bozeman area, I believe that attending the accelerated program would outweigh the cons of moving to a different area for a short period of time."
- "I will apply if the option becomes available"
- "None"
- "The possibility of not being accepted into the program due to the relatively small group allowed."
- "Financial responsibilities are why I have to work"
- "I had a so-so GPA in undergrad and now I have an awesome GPA, I know I can do the work but am concerned that I won't get the opportunity to show that I am able to do this program, due to my lack of focus and family issues my freshman and sophomore years of college."
- "It depends on if my wife gets a job she just interviewed for, then we will move to Bozeman."
- "I don't see any barriers at this time."
- "Would like to be based in Billings and take distance courses."
- "I am currently enrolled in an Entry Level Master's in Science in Nursing in California. I chose to complete my pre-licensure courses and plan to take my NCLEX by September. If the post-baccalaureate accelerated nursing option is not compatible with the program I am in now, then this program would not be suitable for me."

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		100.0%
4. What time for classes would work best for you? (Check all that apply)	Days	124
		89.2%
	Evenings	87
		62.6%
	Week-ends	58
		41.7%

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		100.0%
5. Would week-end and/or evening classes create an undue hardship for you?	Yes	21
		16.5%
	No	106
		83.5%

5a. Maybe (please explain)

- "I am a single Mom so I just need to get reasonable child care and evenings are always a bit more difficult to cover."
- "Evenings aren't a problem, but it would be nice to have weekends free."
- "It would be harder for me to commute to spend time with my family, but if the courses were infrequent (rather than every week) or if they were for only a period of a few weeks at a time, the inconvenience would not be insurmountable."
- "No, but in a full time accelerated program my work would be limited to none so I would prefer weekday daytime hours."
- "Mother of four children and need to be home when they are home. (Dinner, homework...)"
- "I figure 16-months is a relatively short amount of time in the whole scheme of things. I would be fine with occasional or routine evening and or weekends. You do still have to give us time to rest with our other halves though."
- "If I am accepted into the accelerated program, I will dedicate myself fully. I want to finish on time and become a nurse as quickly as possible."
- "Sundays would not be an option for me though."
- "My current job is Sat./Sun. 8a-8p and Mon. 4p-8a(tues)...if this option were offered, I would most likely rearrange my schedule to accommodate school."
- "I hope to be working on the weekends so having to attend classes would make it harder to afford school."
- "My understanding is that these accelerated programs are so intense there is little time to have a job or other obligations. If this is in fact true it would seem that it doesn't matter if the classes are on weekends or nights. That being said I don't have a family and it would seem to me that that would be one of the major drawbacks to such a schedule. The other benefit to not having classes on weekends is the time to complete class related assignments during the day not at night after classes."
- "currently not certain"
- "I would rather have the weekends to study but if I was to have clinicals or so on weekends, I would have no problem showing up."
- "I would prefer day classes, but I am not sure what my schedule will be like yet."

- "Sunday mornings would work poorly"
- "Probably not"
- "It would be hard to find childcare at night."
- "Possibly only because I would need to maintain some type of employment in order to pay rent/groceries etc"
- "Although I could participate in evening/weekend classes, I would greatly prefer to have the classes during the daytime of the work week in order to spend time at home with my husband on weekends and after his work days."
- "Sunday classes would not work for me."
- "it would be nice to have evenings to study or work at a part time job if possible"
- "I do still have children at home, but they are getting old enough to take care of themselves and each other as necessary. I would be willing to go to school either online and/or on campus, though a combination of online/campus would be easier for my schedule."

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6. Would you prefer courses that are offered (check all that apply)	Online	45
		32.1%
	On campus	57
		40.7%
	Combination of online and on campus	97

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8. Your age:	20-29	75
		54.0%
	30-39	48
		34.5%
	40-49	13
		9.4%
	50-59	3
		2.2%
	60+	-
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12. In what field is your current bachelor's degree?

- "Sociology. Justice Studies with an emphasis in Biology (MSU didn't offer and minor in Biology, just shy of a double major."

- "Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior"
- "Bachelor of Art, majoring in Art."
- "BA: Languages, Literatures and Cultures; Spanish Minor: Biomedical Sciences"
- "Psychology"
- "B.S. Family and Consumer Science MSU 2004 Minor Business Admin."
- "Natural Resources"
- "AAS & BA Psychology"
- "BS: Biology, University of Montana"
- "english literature"
- "Marine Science and Biology"
- "English and Spanish"
- "kinesiology"
- "Education"
- "Vision science (optometry/physics)"
- "Microbiology"
- "UM Mathematics, Statistics emphasis"
- "Music Education"
- "Family and Consumer Education (K-12)"
- "BFA"
- "B.S. in Management Park University A.A.S. EMS-Para medicine MSU-COT Great Falls A.A.S. Information Management Community College of the Air Force A.A.S. Logistics Management Community College of the Air Force A.A.S. Healthcare Management Community College of the Air Force"
- "Cell Biology and Neuroscience (Biomedical Sciences option)"
- "Outdoor Recreation Therapeutic Recreation"
- "Biology, Chemistry"
- "Genetics, Cell Development and Growth with a minor in Psychology"
- "I have a BS in Physical Geography from the University of Montana-Missoula"
- "B.A. History from Washington State University"
- "Physiology"
- "Sociology with an emphasis in criminology"
- "Bachelors in Geology/Humanities and Masters in Accountancy"
- "Geology"
- "BA Psychology, Magna Cum Laude"
- "Health and Human Development, Exercise Science"
- "Microbiology"
- "B.A. Biology Minor: Chemistry Concentration in Sports Medicine Whitman College '06"
- "Economics"

- "Wildlife Biology"
- "Political Science"
- "Health Administration"

- "Psychology"
- "Clinical Sciences"
- "Double Major in Communication and Business Administration"
- "Education"
- "I will be graduating in Fall 2010 with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Carroll College."
- "International Relations/Religion"
- "BA in Business Administration Currently enrolled in a Masters of Divinity in Missouri"
- "Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies--Organizational Communications/Public Relations Concentration"
- "Natural Resources"
- "medical anthropology/public health"
- "Community health"
- "Molecular Biology and Microbiology"
- "Exercise Biology"
- "psychology"
- "Sociology/Criminology"
- "BA-History"
- "Double major is Sociology and Women's Studies"
- "I have two bachelor's degrees. BS in Earth Science and a BS in Biology"
- "Social Work and Public Admin"
- "Spanish"
- "Sociology; Global Studies"
- "Psychology"
- "Commerce"
- "Psychology"
- "Molecular Biology/Biochemistry"
- "Cell Biology/Neuroscience"
- "Psychology with an emphasis in human and family development."
- "Environmental Biology"
- "Animal Science"
- "Environmental Studies - UM Missoula When I was 18 with no clue as to what I wanted to pursue EVST was an intriguing option. Now that I have graduated and worked as a mountain/ river guide as well as a ski patroller in the winters, I have decided that nursing is a great match for my career goals and skill set. I will say that so far my only

reservation is that my GPA (see next answer) was ok but not great. I keep hearing that GPAs are a crucial part of admissions to accelerated nursing programs. I would assert, as is the case for myself, GPA's that are acquired when individuals have yet to decide what their career interests are, is not a good indicator of that individuals motivation or academic capabilities."

- "B.S. Criminal Justice"
- "Business Management"
- "kinesiology"
- "Microbiology (Clinical Laboratory Science)"
- "History"
- "Divinity"
- "Psychology with a minor in biology"
- "BA Anthropology (with emphasis in cultural and ethnic diversity) UofM-Missoula 2004"
- "Economics"
- "Horticulture with landscape design option"
- "bachelor of science in horticulture"
- "Health Administration"
- "1: Anthropology 2: French Education"
- "Human Performance and Exercise Science"
- "Japanese language"
- "Biology"
- "Health & Fitness and Health Promotion"
- "Elementary Education"
- "Biology/Pre-health Science"
- "Accounting. Graduate Certificate in ""Financial Markets and Institutions"""
- "Health and Human Development: Family Science"
- "Environmental Engineering"
- "Bachelor of Photography from Montana State University."
- "Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior"
- "health and human performance- exercise science"
- "Health Science, Community Health, Health and Physical Education"
- "Outdoor Education & Leadership"
- "Finance"
- "Elementary Ed"
- "Exercise Science, Fitness and Programming Emphasis"
- "Strong emphasis in science, environmental science and health safety"
- "health care management"
- "Elementary education"

- "Psychology"
- "Exercise Science Bachelors Degree"
- "psychology"
- "I will graduate in June as a History major with a minor in Latin America and the Caribbean Studies."
- "Food and Nutrition concentration in Dietetics"
- "Bachelor of Science Psychology"
- "Business-Finance"
- "Sociology/Criminology"
- "Business Administration"
- "Bachelor of Science"
- "Communication Disorders and Sciences"
- "Master's degree in Acupuncture"
- "Master's degree in Acupuncture"
- "Cell biology and Neuroscience"
- "BA w/a concentration in Marketing"
- "Biology"
- "Music"
- "Biology"
- "Business"
- "Bachelor's of Arts in Anthropology with minors in Chemistry, Biology and Archaeology. Master of Arts in Medical Anthropology. I also have a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and am currently in practice."
- "Psychology"
- "Elementary Education"
- "Business Administration: Small Business & Entrepreneurship (GPA 3.98)"

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		100.0%
13. What was your undergraduate cumulative grade point average?	2.5 - 2.69	5
		3.6%
	2.7 - 2.99	21
		15.2%
	3.0 - 3.49	51
		37.0%
	3.5 +	52
		37.7%
	I don't remember	9
		6.5%

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14.How many years of work experience have you had since earning your degree?	0 - 4	65
		46.8%
	5 - 10	51
		36.7%
	11 - 15	15
		10.8%
	16 - 20	6
		4.3%
	21+	2
		1.4%