

JODI ROEHL

Jodi is closing in on nineteen years of service at UW-Whitewater this coming October and for most of that time she has been working in the Office of Field Experiences in the College of Education & Professional Studies. She initially worked for two years in the New Student Programs office.

She has two sons – Chris and Nick. Chris lives in Janesville and works at the install bay at the Janesville Best Buy store. Nick resides in Milton and is full-time paramedic and fire fighter for the City of Janesville. He is also a volunteer paramedic and fire fighter for the City of Milton.

Jodi's interests outside of the workplace are varied. She likes to hang out with her family when schedules allow for it. She has always enjoyed traveling and some of her travels have taken her to Alaska, South Dakota, Georgia, and Yellowstone National Park. Reading is another interest of Jodi's and she is particularly fond of romance novels. Not one to pass up a sale or a really good deal, she likes to check out the rummage sales when spring and summer roll around and periodically she will make a Goodwill run to see what they have to offer. Jodi also likes to spend time with Sadie, her two-year-old Goldendoodle, a cross-breed dog obtained by breeding a golden retriever with a poodle.

Among Jodi's job duties are budget-related tasks – not always the most enjoyable task but something that must be done. She also works extensively with field studies and student teaching placements, which she really enjoys because there is a great deal of student contact involved. There are approximately two hundred student teaching placements each semester and about one hundred field study placements each semester. She notes that email has been a God-send because the placements require written confirmation from the teachers/administrators who accept the students for these placements each semester. In “the good old days” before email, all of this correspondence was sent and returned via U.S. mail and was a time-consuming process.

The best part of her job is the contact with such a diverse group of people. Jodi likes to interact with the students, staff and university supervisors, as well as the teachers and administrators from the various school districts that accept student placements.

What does she like most about UW-Whitewater? She says it is definitely the people. They make the campus a nice place to work.

Jodi's response regarding recent changes occurring on campus – “I really like the changes made to Carlson, the new dorm, and Hyland Hall. Jackie [Rawlings] does a wonderful job with the landscaping.”

We asked her what she would do if given an opportunity to change something or add something on campus. Her response – “I have no idea!” – indicates that, for now anyhow, Jodi is content with the status quo, taking one day at a time.