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On February 8th, 2021 PRNEWS announced the 2021 Education A-List. This list spotlights the top 35 education institutions that enrich the professionals in Public Relations and Communication. UW-Whitewater is recognized as one of the top 35 education institutions in the nation. This recognition shows the high standards of the communication department staff and the students. Learn more about our 100% Online Master of Science in Communication or our Communication Graduate Certificates here.
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Dr. Kristen Prock
Social Work

Assistant Professor of Social Work, Dr. Kristen Prock, joined UW-Whitewater in fall 2019 as a licensed clinical social worker with expertise in LGBTQ youth homelessness. She quickly joined the Chancellor’s Committee for LGBT* Issues and taught a Special Topic’s “LGBTQ Studies in Social Work” course in spring 2020.

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Meet Elizabeth Bohuski, a graduate student in the Computer Science program, and graduated in May 2020. Elizabeth had migrated from biology to data management and had said of the change that, "My focus is on database management systems, inspired by my previous work in the biology laboratory working with large amounts of data, needing to pipeline that data from instruments to long-term storage, and simultaneously transforming and analyzing that data."

She also said that the computer science degree "is broad, including topics such as software engineering, cryptography, database systems, and algorithms, including data mining machine learning algorithms."

As she is completing her degree in computer science, Elizabeth has recently started working at UW-Health as a Data Management Developer. Going through the changes can have its challenges, but the perks can outweigh the challenges. Elizabeth said of the changes that she is "really enjoying the new challenges at work. This switch from a career in the laboratory to information services is opening doors: new intellectual challenges and long-term promotion opportunities. And anecdotally, I get to wear nice clothes without concern of bleach stains, and I get to see the sun all day long as the"
UW-Health Information Services building has an open floor/seating plan with no cubicles and walls of windows. The lab where I previously worked had no windows." Speaking of perks, Elizabeth went on to mention that her income is doubling nearly immediately now that she has made the switch from biology to data management with her master's in Computer Science.

However difficult the changes may have been, ultimately, they were made more comfortable with many friends, and the celebration of significant milestones, as Elizabeth recently celebrated her 40th birthday with friends, family, and some of the people she has met through the graduate program. She has been supported by her husband and young daughter. Elizabeth is currently training at Epic to learn their data management.

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Monday, March 1  MS Cybersecurity Information Session

Monday, March 2  MS Communication Information Session

Monday, March 8  MS Business Analytics Information Session

Tuesday, March 9  MS Finance Information Session

Friday, March 12 MS Communication Sciences and Disorders Information Session

Monday, March 15 MS Environmental Safety & Health Information Session

Tuesday, March 23 MS Instructional Design and Learning Technology info session

Tuesday, March 30 MBA Information Session

Tuesday, March 30 MS Business Education Information Session
“The UW-W Social Work department does a great job of integrating field work and academic learning. The field experience components of the program provides valuable experience to build a resume for a career in Social Work. In the classroom, the professors do a great job of integrating topics of social policy and current issues to provide beneficial background knowledge for the profession.”

Current Social Work Graduate Student