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**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE**

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**FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM PLAN**

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| • Health Policy and Finance (3) (WI) | • Geriatric Nursing (3) |
| • Women’s Health Nursing (3) (WI) | • Nursing Communication and Quality Improvement (EGR) (3) |
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