Name: Jenyfer Joy  
Degree: Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)  
Year of degree: 1st (2013)  
Campus: Parramatta  
High School: Macarthur Girls High School  
Completed Year 12 in: 2012

Is the degree or course structure what you expected? 
No, there is a lot of essay writing. I was expecting more science content.

How is university different from school? 
University provides you with a lot more freedom in terms of class schedule. You can fit your classes around your work, social and personal lives. Also the academics treat you with respect and professionalism. They expect you to come to class prepared without being told and expect you to behave in a professional manner as well.

How did high school help you in preparing for university? 
I did subjects that were very essay-focused such as history and English extension. These subjects reflect the sort of independent learning style that university requires of students.

What is the most interesting thing you’ve done at university so far? 
Undertaking work placement in a field that is of interest to me. The university assigned me to a hospital setting and I was required to apply the skills learned in university to real life hospital scenarios.

What are some of your achievements since you started university? 
I thought making new friends might be a challenge however it was very easy to find like-minded people. I am also in the Aspire Future Leaders program and work in the university call centre.

Have your career aspirations changed since you began studying? 
Yes definitely. I initially had a very keen interest in paediatric health. I still do but after positive experiences in a different field I am considering my options.

What advice would you give to students at your high school about pursuing university study? 
Do subjects that are of interest to you and do really well in them. Skills that you gain from them such as essay writing, critical thinking and independent learning will definitely be needed in university and are easy to develop in high school with the guidance of your teacher. Furthermore, if you put the effort in at high school it will be a time saver and you can enjoy the more social aspects of university.

Why did you choose to study at UWS? 
UWS is relatively easy to travel to and the people are very down-to-earth and eager to help you out. The campus has new state-of-the-art facilities especially in the school of nursing. The university also provides comprehensive services that are free of charge to assist students with employment opportunities.

Any other comments or observations about university study? 
The assessments are evenly spaced out which means you have enough time to plan a balanced study timetable.

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Course Information

Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced)

Where is it held (campus)? Parramatta, Campbelltown and Hawkesbury

How long is it? 3 years full time

Career opportunities: Graduates of this degree will find employment in areas such as acute care hospitals; community health; child health; mental health services; disability services; rehabilitation services; aged care services; operating theatres; emergency or trauma units and forensic nursing

Subjects may include: Primary Health Care in Action; Professional Communication; Human Relations and Life Transitions; Bioscience; Health in a Culturally Diverse Community; Research Principles for Nursing (Advanced); Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing; Professional Practice; Health Variations and Leadership in Nursing (Advanced)

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90.00 Parramatta
90.00 Hawkesbury

Additional information: The Bachelor of Nursing (Advanced) course has been designed to develop future nursing leaders and researchers. It is a challenging program that includes advanced coursework, extension activities, research training and professional practice. A mentoring program will link you with experienced academic staff and research groups within UWS. This will allow you to take part in the University's research activities.

For more information: Visit the UWS website course information at http://future.uws.edu.au/