A MATTER OF DEGREE

Scores of graduates were honored at Alumni Hall on Thursday as students from about 15 of Western’s faculties, schools and affiliated colleges received degrees at the university’s 26th convocation. This tale of two grads features a pair of women who began their studies at Western in the 1970s and have combined hospital work with helping raise families on the way.

Megan Ann Cook, left, of Windsor, earned her master of science degree at Western while working in a research lab at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. At age 52 and a mother of three children, she still works at the lab and is now contemplating a master degree in social work.

Wilma Johanna Koopman, right, of London, started in 1975 on the path that led to her bachelor of science in nursing degree. Between courses, she raised four children and worked as co-ordinator of the neuromuscular clinic at Victoria Hospital, a job she still holds.