

# Indiana University School of Nursing

## Welcome to the Indiana University School of Nursing!

The Indiana University School of Nursing opened its doors in Indianapolis in 1914. Since that time, it has evolved into one of the nation's most eminent schools, as evidenced by our achievements:

- Our **Master's program** ranked #2 in the 2024 U.S. News & World Report Best Online Programs ranking. The **Master's in Nursing Education** track was ranked #2 in the nation and the **Master's in Leadership in Health Systems** was ranked #11.
- Our **Master's and DNP programs** were named to the U.S. News & World Report list of 2023 Best Graduate Nursing Schools. The **Master's program** ranks #37 nationally and the **DNP program** ranks #63.
- The **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)** at the IU School of Nursing is a graduate organizational and systems leadership program.
- The **PhD in Nursing Science** at the IU School of Nursing prepares advanced practice nurses to generate knowledge and shape nursing practice to meet society's need for safe, quality and compassionate care.
- The **Research in Palliative and End-of-Life Communication and Training (RESPECT) Center**, co-directed by two IU School of Nursing and one IU School of Medicine faculty, brings together an interdisciplinary team dedicated to improving the care of patients with serious and terminal illness through research, communication and collaboration.
- The Indiana University School of Nursing **Champion Center for Cancer Control** research expands and strengthens the schools research and research training program in cancer prevention and control.
- Over 80 faculty, emerita faculty, and affiliates hold distinctions in the **American Academy of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, National League for Nursing, American Academy of Nursing Practitioners, and National Academy of Medicine.**

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## Accreditation, Memberships & Designations

### Accreditation

- The baccalaureate, master's, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs in nursing at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Bloomington, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.
- Indiana State Board of Nursing; BSN program
- American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation Center for Professional Development and Lifelong Learning

### Memberships

The School of Nursing is an agency member of the National League for Nursing's Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), as well as the Committee for Institutional Cooperation (CIC). The school is also a constituency member of the National League for Nursing and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

### Designations

We are designated an NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education in two categories, and are the first school in the history of the National League for Nursing to carry two designations:

- Center of Excellence in Nursing Education; Creating Environments that Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty, 2017-2022
- Center of Excellence in Nursing Education; Creating Environments that Advance the Science of Nursing Education, 2021-2026

### Administration

- Janet S. Carpenter, PhD, RN, FAAN, Interim Dean and Distinguished Professor
- Sharron Crowder, PhD, RN, Assistant Dean for Health Policy Initiatives
- Chandra Dyson, MS, MS Ed, Assistant Dean for Student Success and Engagement
- Peggy Frey, Assistant Dean for Finance and Resource Management
- Kathy Kent, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs
- Wendy Miller, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN, FAAN, FAES, Executive Associate Dean for Research
- Jen Remick, MSN, CPN, RN, Interim Assistant Dean for Pre-Licensure Programs
- Kathleen Williamson, Associate Dean, Fort Wayne

### Center for Academic Affairs

The Indiana University School of Nursing Center for Academic Affairs (CAA) serves students with academic advising, records management, and other academic needs. CAA serves as the home for the Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the Assistant Dean for Pre-Licensure Programs, the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, the Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs, the Assistant Dean for Student Success and Engagement, Academic Advisors, Recorders, and more.

### Values

To provide the highest quality services and advisement to achieve student and programmatic success. We do this by applying and demonstrating effective listening skills, personalized attention, strategic problem solving referrals, and team efforts.

### Mission

To ensure the integrity of our academic programs and assist learners to meet their educational goals by effectively using resources to serve and support students, faculty, staff, and external stakeholders.

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## History

The Indiana University School of Nursing opened its doors in Indianapolis in 1914. Since that time, it has evolved into one of the nation's most eminent nursing schools.

### Historical Milestones

1914 Indiana University Training School for Nurses opened at Indianapolis

1922 Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) was founded by six IUSON students

1932 Curricula established for Bachelor of Science in Nursing on Bloomington campus for public health nursing, administration and supervision of nursing service, and teaching in schools of nursing offered for registered nurses in Bloomington

1944 Division of Nursing Education placed in School of Education with preparation for teachers of science, nursing arts, medical-surgical, maternity, and pediatric nursing

1945 Master of Science in Nursing Education first offered at IU Bloomington

1950 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program first offered

1956 Name of school officially changed to Indiana University School of Nursing

1957 Original National League for Nursing (NLN) accreditation for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Program

1960 Last diploma school graduates

1961 Original NLN accreditation for the BSN Program

1962 MSN degree first offered

1965 All nursing programs organized into one administrative unit to form the School of Nursing, the 10th school of Indiana University

1968 Original NLN accreditation for the Associate of Arts Program, IUPUI

1968 Specialist in Clinical Nursing program approved

1970 Implementation of the RN-MSN mobility option

1974 School of Nursing building dedicated at IUPUI

1975 NLN accreditation for ASN Program continued to 1983, IUPUI

1976 Original American Nurses' Association (ANA) accreditation for the Continuing Education program

1976 Doctor of Nursing Science (D.N.S.) program approved

1976 NLN accreditation for BSN and graduate programs continues

1978 First doctoral students admitted

1980 New upper-division baccalaureate curriculum initiated

1981 First Doctor of Nursing Science degree awarded

1982 NLN accreditation for BSN and graduate programs continued until 1990

1985 First master's degree courses offered at five sites —Indiana Higher Education Telecommunications System (IHETS)

1985 Office of Nursing Practice established

1987 Approval of Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to ASN mobility option at IUPUI Columbus

1989 School reorganized into academic departments

1990 Formal planning for a PhD program in nursing initiated

1990 Institute of Action Research for Community Health established

1991 Designation of Institute of Action Research for Community Health as a World Health Organization Collaborating for Healthy Cities

1991 Establishment of Mary Margaret Walther Program in Oncology Care Research

1993 Accreditation of BSN and MSN programs by the National League for Nursing for eight years

1995 Transition from DNS to PhD degree program approved

1996 First class of PhD in Nursing Science students admitted

1998 Emily Holmquist Endowed Professorship instituted

1998 Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners granted IUPUI preliminary approval of the baccalaureate and master's nursing education programs

2000 Accreditation of BSN and MSN programs continued by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission for eight years

2000 New 10-year accreditation of BSN and MSN programs by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

2003 First class of students in PhD in Nursing Science distance-accessible option admitted

2006 Appointment of first Edward W. and Sarah Stam Cullipher Chair

2006 Appointment of first Sally Reahard Chair

2006 Awarded designation as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing

2006 Center for Research in Nursing Education was formed

2008 Grand opening of the Jean Johnson Schaefer Resource Center for Innovation in Clinical Nursing Education

2008 Designation of IUSON as a "system school" ended June 30, 2008

2008 Designation of IUSON as a "Core Campus School"-Bloomington, Columbus, Indianapolis

2009 Re-designation as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education to Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty, 2009 - 2012

2009 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

2009 95th anniversary of nursing at Indiana University

2010 RN to BSN Degree Completion Program begins in coordination with the state-wide consortium of IU system Schools of Nursing

2011 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

2011 Appointment of first Angela Barron McBride Professorship in Mental Health Nursing

2012 Re-designation as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education to Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty, 2012-2017

2012 Designation as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education to Advance the Science of Nursing Education, 2012-2016

2014 100th Anniversary of nursing at Indiana University

2015 IU School of Nursing Columbus, received independent CCNE accreditation

2016 Re-designation as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education to advance the Science of Nursing Education, 2016-2021.

2016 Ball Nurse's Sunken Garden re-dedication

2016 Indiana University School of Nursing Champion Center for Cancer Control Research established.

2017 Re-designation as a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education to Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty, 2017-2022

2018 Indiana University School of Nursing Fort Wayne established

2020 Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted accreditation for ten years (through December 31, 2030) for the baccalaureate, master's graduate APRN certificate, and DNP programs

2020 Appointment of first Doris J. Froebe Endowed Professorship in Nursing

2020 Appointment of first Centennial Endowed Professorship in Innovations in Nursing Education

2020 Appointment of first Audrey S. Geisel Endowed Chair in Innovation

2021 First Indiana University School of Nursing graduates from Indiana University School of Nursing Fort Wayne

2021 The Indiana State Board of Nursing voted unanimously to grant immediate occupancy to the Regional Academic Health Center Health Sciences Building on the Bloomington campus.

2021 Indiana University School of Nursing Fort Wayne Simulation Center is redone and revitalized with state-of-the-art simulation and learning experiences

2024 Janet S. Carpenter, PhD, RN, FAAN, named Interim Dean of the IU School of Nursing

2025 Yvonne Lu, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, was named the Doris J. Froebe Professor in Nursing

2025 Wendy Trueblood Miller, PhD, RN, CNS, CCRN, FAAN, FAES, the school's executive associate dean for research, was named the Sally Reahard Endowed Chair and Director of the Center for Enhancing Quality of Life in Chronic Disease

## Mission, Vision & Values

### Mission

Through education, practice, advocacy, research, and collaboration, Indiana University School of Nursing prepares nurses with the knowledge and resources to transform the health of the communities we serve.

### Vision

We envision a future where Indiana University nurses are at the forefront of efforts to eliminate healthcare disparities and ensure that everyone has access to safe, effective, and compassionate care.

## Core Values

These core values are fundamental to the success of the nursing profession and the Indiana University School of Nursing community. They serve as the foundation for our work, how we interact with one another, and help guide the strategies we employ to fulfill our vision, mission, and strategic goals. We are supportive of one another's efforts, loyal to one another, and care for one another both professionally and personally. We embrace, own, and are energized by these core values.

- **Respect:** We create a positive environment by treating all people with mutual respect and sensitivity, recognizing the importance of their contributions and diversity.
- **Responsibility:** We accept responsibility for our actions.
- **Trust:** We foster trust by acting with honesty, integrity, and openness.
- **Dialogue:** We build community through dialogue by sharing and respecting our diversity of opinions, views, and expertise.

## Diversity Statement

### A World Without Stereotypes or Limits

Recent national events remind us that complacency about the insidious effects of historic and pervasive inequities and structural racism on our society is no longer an option. As one of the leading schools of nursing in the nation, we must seek to understand our role in advancing diversity in nursing, and in leading the transformation of the academic and clinical paradigm that provides quality and equitable health care for all of society.

To begin our work together, faculty and staff commit to building and sustaining a culture that is welcoming, inclusive, and equitable for all students, faculty, and staff – especially those from under-represented populations. We will do this by:

- Creating a safe and supportive learning environment that upholds our academic excellence and compels our students, faculty, and staff to recognize and interact with one another as whole persons and not simply as one-dimensional and often stereotypical aspects of our being.
- Examining the personal perspectives of our own biases and socializations and be open to adjusting these perspectives, beliefs, and behaviors.
- Actively listening to one another in order to develop true empathy. We will recognize and honor the differences between beliefs, practices, and cultural norms and encourage all to accept and respect each person's uniqueness.
- Understanding that this may, at times, lead to difficult conversations, but dialogues we will have in the safety of a caring and supportive school and university.
- Taking action every day – as an institution and as individuals – in advancing our diversity strategic plan that celebrates change and honors tradition until our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion

becomes an integral part of our everyday lives and not merely a set of initiatives. We will live what we say as a means to fully achieve our core values of respect, responsibility, trust & dialogue.

## Statement by the Dean

Since its founding in 1914, the Indiana University School of Nursing has grown into one of the largest schools of nursing in the country. The school holds an excellent national reputation for nursing education with expert faculty in the areas of science and teaching/learning approaches.

At IUSON we offer the full range of academic degrees, from undergraduate through doctoral levels, as well as postdoctoral research training and extensive lifelong education options. The school has a National League for Nursing (NLN) designation as a Center of Excellence in two categories simultaneously: 1) Creating Environments that Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty, and, 2) Creating Environments that Advance the Science of Nursing Education. IUSON was first in the history of the National League for Nursing to hold two Center of Excellence designations.

We are committed to preparing you for a career in the profession of nursing. We have over 24,000 living alumni, and our graduates are chief nursing executives of large health facilities, deans of nursing schools, clinical specialists, advanced practice registered nurses, entrepreneurs, and staff nurses in urban and rural settings around Indiana and throughout the world.

Faced with the challenges of changing healthcare delivery, nurses will be called on areas as leading clinicians in areas never dreamed of by earlier generations. The faculty members of IUSON are committed to your success, to help you realize your professional aspirations in every career transition that you undertake, and to enable you to seize your own preferred future. IUSON has forged strong links between nursing education and nursing clinical services across settings in order to improve the health of individuals, families, and communities. We invite you to become a part of our extended IUSON family.

Interim Dean Janet S. Carpenter, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Dean and Distinguished Professor

## Academic Standing and Probation

### Good Standing

Good Standing Students who maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or better in all required general education and didactic courses and a grade of "S" in all required practicum/clinical courses and are progressing normally will be considered in good standing.

### Out of Sequence (OOS)

A student who has maintained the minimum cumulative GPA, and earned a passing grade in all required courses, but who has interrupted his/her course of study, or is in part time study in tracks in which a dictated full time progression plan is in place (e.g. not applicable to RN to BSN students whose plan of study is flexible). This includes:

- Students transferring in to IUSON are out of sequence:
  - Temporary transfer students are always considered out of sequence.
  - Permanent transfer students are out of sequence until such time as they have been placed in a permanent seat in a cohort.
- Students who have withdrawn from required courses for any reason are out of sequence until the student has successfully completed the courses that he/she has withdrawn from.
- Students who have opted to sit out from required courses for any reason are out of sequence until the student has successfully completed a full semester upon return.

**Note: Once an out of sequence student has been permanently placed in a new cohort in full time study, (and after one initial successful semester following the interruption or transfer) he/she is no longer out of sequence (and is in good standing). Part time students are always out of sequence.**

Students who have interrupted their program of study for any reason or desiring transfer to an IUSON core school are required to submit a written request to the chairperson of the BSN C/SA Admission, Progression, and Graduation (APG) Committee, using a standard form. Students seeking reentry should make their request (received by the APG committee) by March 15 for fall semester and September 15 for spring. All requests for reentry will be evaluated on the basis of the availability of resources. Reentry of students who have interrupted their study for any reason is not guaranteed. Students who reenter must adhere to the policies and curriculum of the School of Nursing that are in effect at the time of reentry. Transfer students should refer to the student transfer policies for details (AFS-38 Transfer Policy).

#### **Academic Probation:**

A student will be placed on academic probation when any of the following conditions exist:

1. The cumulative GPA falls below "C" (2.0)
2. The semester GPA falls below "C" (2.0)
3. A grade below "C" (2.0) has been received in a required didactic course, or a grade of "F" has been earned in a required practicum/clinical course-this includes required general education courses, as well as nursing major courses.
4. A Failing grade may be given for the following:
  - a. Failure to meet course objectives.
  - b. Academic dishonesty, misconduct, or personal misconduct as defined by Indiana University
  - c. Unsafe clinical behavior: including (but not limited to) HIPAA violations, breaking agency policies, breaking course rules related to clinical behavior

#### **Students who are on Academic Probation Shall:**

1. Meet with a designated academic advisor for the home campus at least three sessions, adhering to posted timeline for completing meetings. Walk in meetings are not acceptable. Each campus may specify one or more group meetings that may count in this process. The purpose of the meetings is to plan for academic success. Students

may not register until they complete the three meetings, and each campus will set timing parameters that are required to ensure that students are engaged early in the semester and not simply rushing in late in a semester.

2. Complete a required plan for tutoring/remediation during the time period in which he/she is on probation. This plan is completed with the designated faculty or professional staff person by campus. Students on academic probation will not be released to register for the next semester until these conditions have been fully met and met with advisor.

Academic probation will be removed and returned to "good standing" when all of the following conditions exist:

1. The cumulative GPA returns to "C" (2.0) or higher.
2. The semester GPA is "C" (2.0) or higher.

3. A minimum grade of "C" (2.0) has been received in the required didactic courses completed, and a grade of "S" has been earned in the required practicum/clinical courses completed. All other specific conditions, if required, have been met.

4. The student has secured a permanent placement in a new cohort.

**Note: Students who have been dismissed and reinstated will remain on academic probation throughout the remainder of the program.**

#### **Progression in coursework in the nursing major:**

Nursing courses must be taken in the sequence indicated in the curriculum plan. A student must complete the entire level of nursing courses before progressing to the next level. Out of sequence, students may take the following courses: H355, R375 and S474 while awaiting progression through the program with approval from faculty and an advisor.

Registration of Students will occur according to the following priority list:

1. Full-time students in good standing (during priority registration)
2. Out of sequence OR Probationary students in the following order (after priority registration):
  - a. Students who have interrupted their studies in one or more courses (OOS);
  - b. Students who have withdrawn from one or more courses (OOS);
  - c. Students who have failed a nursing course and need to repeat it (probation);
  - d. Students who need to repeat a required general education course (probation);
  - e. Students who have been dismissed and reinstated (probation);
  - f. Intercampus transfer students from the core (permanent, then temporary) (OOS);
  - g. Permanent transfer students from other IU campuses (OOS);
  - h. Permanent transfer students from non IU campuses (OOS);
  - i. Part time students (note that part time status must be granted by APG) (OOS);
  - j. Temporary transfer students from other IU campuses (OOS);



k. Temporary transfer students from non IU campuses (OOS);

**Note: probationary students who have not met the terms of their probation will not be allowed to register until these requirements are met with the designated academic advisor.**

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-21.*

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## Academic Progression

Problems related to a student's academic progression that emerge during enrollment in their undergraduate nursing program are handled through a committee hearing process. Students requesting an exception to policy may petition for a waiver to the BSN Admission, Progression, and Graduation (APG) Committee. Students wishing to make an appeal to APG should consult an academic advisor in the School of Nursing for information regarding this process.

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## Academic Standing

### Good Standing

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*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-21 BSN Academic Standing.*

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## Alternative Course Credit in the BSN Program

This policy applies to core campus undergraduate nursing students who wish to seek equivalency related to nursing courses in order to award course credit and/or exemption for undergraduate nursing courses, with the exception of the capstone course in the BSN. This policy does not apply for students seeking credit for graduate level nursing courses.

### Course Equivalency

This policy applies to nursing students who wish to seek equivalency related to nursing courses in order to award course credit and/or exemption for undergraduate nursing courses, with the exception of the capstone course in the BSN. This policy does not apply for students seeking credit for graduate level nursing courses.

- Undergraduate nursing students may submit the syllabus/syllabi from a prior nursing course to determine equivalency for a course in the student's plan of study for a BSN degree.
- The course must have been passed with a "C" or better, as documented by transcript.
- The course must be eligible for course credit as determined by campus administration.
- Graduate level courses may be submitted for credit for undergraduate credit equivalency, but if accepted for undergraduate credit, are not later eligible for consideration toward a graduate degree at IUSON.
- The course will be subjected to a review process, and only courses (or combinations of courses) that demonstrate achievement of at least 75% of the learning outcomes/objectives for the course will be eligible for equivalency.
- The request for equivalency review must be submitted at least 3 months prior to the time when the student would begin the course, according to the student's plan of study.
- The student will receive blinded written feedback regarding the outcome of the review, and written

feedback and outcome of the review will be posted to the student record. There is no appeal process for the course equivalency request.

### Procedure

1. The student interested in course equivalency meets with an undergraduate advisor to discuss the procedure and course/s to review. The advisor verifies that the course/s were completed with transferrable credit at a "C" level or above. Indiana University policy that may govern equivalency takes precedence over school level procedure. The advisor and student initiate the form (Part 1), which is sent to the office of relevant academic program administrator.
2. The administrator oversees that the current course learning objectives/competencies for the course to which equivalency is being sought is added to the form, Part 1. The administrator assigns an appropriate reviewer, and communicates with relevant persons to achieve the review in a timely manner (see the form, Part 2). At the discretion of the administrator, a second reviewer may also serve. Part time faculty do not serve as reviewers without departmental approval. The administrator may also serve as the reviewer as necessary.
3. The course materials and Part 1 of the form are reviewed as assigned.
4. The reviewer completes the relevant fields of the form.
5. The administrator approves or denies the equivalency request, and ensures blind communication to the student, placement of Part 1 of the form in the student record, cc'd to the student and advisor; and Part 2 of the form in the office for tracking purposes.
6. The advisor makes any needed changes related to the student plan of study and saves the record of the request in the student record.
7. There is no appeal process for the equivalency procedure. There is no partial or provisional credit awarded.
5. Student gathers evidence for the portfolio following the IUSON guidelines, and sends the portfolio to the instructor by a specific time/date.
6. Instructor reviews the material, notifies the student and completes the Portfolio Review Form. It is sent to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs (or appropriate administrative designee) for a signature. Dean's office sends approved portfolio to academic advisor to initiate "special credit".
7. If all course requirements are complete, the academic advisor applies for "special credit".
8. If Special Credit is approved with minor changes, the student is to register for the course or for Independent Study and complete faculty expected course outcomes/objectives:
  1. Instructor informs student of the activities needed for portfolio (see attached "SpecialRequirements" form).
  2. Faculty signs this form upon the completion of the needed items and returns the form to the academic advisor.
  3. Academic advisor sends the Special Credit form to the Registrar.
9. If Special Credit is denied the student meets with the academic advisor and registers for the required course.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-20*

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## Practicum and Clinical Absence Policy

Students are required to successfully complete a minimum number of clinical hours in each clinical practicum course as listed in the course syllabus.

Clinical practicums are defined as: practicum/clinical/simulation/Inter-Professional Education/laboratory experiences as they strive to meet course objectives/outcomes. Students must complete 37.5 clinical hours for every course credit hour. Faculty plan clinical practicum experiences based on the course competencies and the time associated with participating in these planned learning activities when determining the type, quantity, and quality of clinical practice experiences.

### Attendance Requirements

1. Each course syllabus will list the required number of clinical hours, the planned clinical experiences, and clinical practicum performance expectations. Upon registration for the course, students should plan to be in clinical for the times and dates listed for the assigned section.
2. Each clinical course will have scheduled clinical make-up hours in each rotation to accommodate clinical absences. Students who are absent from clinical experiences are expected to attend the scheduled make up day. These clinical make-up days are not alternative options for regularly scheduled clinical days. Clinical make-up days are intended for illnesses, snow days, and unexpected circumstances that may occur preventing students and/or faculty from safely and effectively participating in clinical.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-19*

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### Portfolio

Students may validate prior learning (academic work, or professional experience) by preparing a portfolio to demonstrate acquisition of content and skills commensurate with outcomes/competencies/ objectives or specific course(s). Students may also submit course syllabi and transcripts for course equivalency. The student must demonstrate satisfactory academic standing.

1. Student meets with academic advisor to review portfolio process, criteria needed to portfolio, and deadline dates (two semesters before the course is offered).
2. Student meets with instructor for a brief review of the student's work/experiences/previous courses.
3. If faculty agrees there is potential to portfolio, student sees advisor and registers for Z480.
4. Academic advisor notifies instructor of student registration for Z480.

3. Students who need an additional make up day to meet course competencies will be required to attend the campus specific Clinical Make Up Day at the end of the semester. Students who require this option will have a clinical make up fee assessed to their bursar account.
4. Failure to successfully complete all regularly scheduled or substituted clinical practicums places the student at risk for not meeting course objectives and a grade of unsatisfactory in the clinical course.
5. Missing clinical orientation may result in the student needing to withdraw from the course if there are pre-requisites to clinical that cannot be replicated (for example- computer training)
6. Clinical attendance is not allowed if the student has had symptoms of a communicable disease in the past 24 hours. Students attending clinical must be fit for duty as outlined in Policy AFS-06 All Students Essential Abilities.
7. All students will be required to sign the IUSON Clinical Practicum Expectations document at the beginning of the nursing program. Any student who is found to be not compliant with these expectations may be required to leave the clinical practicum experience. Eligibility to make up the clinical experience is at the discretion of the clinical faculty. Inability to complete the total required number of clinical hours will result in failure of the clinical practicum course.
8. Clinical absences associated with pregnancy and/or childbirth (in accordance with Title IX), severe illness and/or injury (e.g., severe injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, cancer treatment), and ordered military duty or jury duty will be permitted. In these circumstances, students may be assigned an incomplete if hours are not made up in the current semester. Students who are assigned an incomplete will have one year (from the time of absence) to complete all required hours.

### Procedure for Communicating Absences

1. Students will follow procedures for communicating with faculty outlined in the syllabus.
  1. Students are responsible for notifying clinical faculty prior to a scheduled clinical practicum when there is an illness or personal crisis preventing them from safely and effectively participating in the learning experience. Methods of communication (e.g., phone call, email) may vary across courses and students should follow the procedures outlined in the course syllabus.
  2. Additionally, a mandatory email to confirm a clinical absence is also required. Students are also responsible for notifying the appropriate agency contacts (e.g., preceptor, person(s) on the clinical unit and/or other care settings) by the published, designated notification method and time if they will be unable to safely and effectively participate in the learning experience.
2. Students who do not notify course faculty and appropriate agency contacts as outlined in the

course syllabus may fail clinical practicum. This includes any "no call, no show" absences.

### Tardiness

1. Students must be on time to the assigned clinical unit. On time means that students are fully prepared at the designated facility location and start time, as determined by the clinical faculty.
2. Upon the first clinical tardy or absence, a remediation plan will be initiated by faculty. This document is not punitive but serves to outline an improvement plan for students to successfully meet the clinical course competencies (e.g., professionalism).

Excessive tardiness (2 or more occurrences) will be documented as a clinical absence and may result in failure of the course.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-22.*

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## Course Grade Appeals

The purpose of the course grade appeal is to provide recourse to a student who has evidence or believes that evidence exists to show that an inappropriate grade has been assigned. Faculty have the authority and responsibility to fairly judge the quality of student work in the courses they teach, including written, examination, clinical, and laboratory performance. The purpose of the policy on student grade appeals is to provide a system that affords recourse to a student who has evidence or believes that evidence exists to show that an inappropriate grade has been assigned as a result of prejudice, caprice, or other improper conditions such as mechanical error, or assignment of a grade inconsistent with those assigned to other students. The grade appeals procedure is designed to protect students from grade assignments that are inconsistent with policy followed in assigning grades to others in the course.

A grade will not be raised because a faculty member graded tests, projects, or assignments very severely, providing the faculty member applied the same rigorous standards to all students. Nor will proof that a faculty member has been antagonistic toward the student be sufficient cause to raise a grade unless evidence exists that such antagonism did in fact result in a lower grade. The grounds for appeal are limited. If you are not certain whether you have grounds for appeal, you should discuss your case with the Assistant Dean for Student Services at IU Indianapolis; Assistant Director for Student & Nursing Advisor at IUB or Associate Dean at IUFW.

### Appeal Protocol Levels:

1. Primary Level: Should a student have a concern about a course grade the student should first seek an appointment to discuss the grade with the course faculty member. The student should contact the faculty member in this case within 5 working days of receipt of the grade. A working day includes Monday – Friday excluding university holidays or other days that the university is closed for any reason. The grade may be received through a formal notification of the grade as may occur at the end of



a clinical course, or through the grade posted on One.IU, whichever comes first. The faculty member shall meet with the student promptly to discuss the concern.

2. Intermediate Level: Following this meeting, if the student continues to believe that an inappropriate grade has been assigned, the student should promptly seek an appointment with the Department Chair or designee at IU Indianapolis, Associate Dean at IUB or Associate Dean at IUFW, who will meet with the student, consider evidence in the matter, and draw a conclusion which shall be communicated to the faculty member and student.
3. Final Level: Following this meeting, if the student continues to believe that an inappropriate grade has been assigned, the student should promptly seek an appointment with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs. The Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs shall meet with the student, consider the matter fully, and provide a written summary of the final findings to the student, copied to the faculty, and chair or administrator.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-18*

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## Dismissal and Reinstatement

### Dismissal

A student will be dismissed from the BSN program when, in the judgment of the Admission, Progression, and Graduation (APG) Committee on the Core campus, there is either:

1. A lack of progress towards the degree, including, but not limited to any of the following:
  1. Failure to achieve a 2.0 semester grade point average in any two (2) consecutive semesters
  2. Failure to achieve a grade of C (2.0) or S (Satisfactory) in any two (2) required nursing courses (didactic or practicum/clinical) on the first attempt
  3. Failure to achieve a grade of C (2.0) or S (Satisfactory) in any required nursing course (didactic or practicum/clinical) by the second attempt
4. Failure of more than three (3) general education courses required for the BSN degree. Of the three courses, only two (2) failures will be allowed in science coursework (including both preadmission and during degree coursework). Any grade below a C (2.0) is considered failing.
5. A pattern of repeated withdrawals from nursing courses (over two (2) or more semesters) constitutes a lack of progress
6. Failure to meet IUSON Essential Abilities expectations

### OR

2. An issue pertaining to personal integrity or conduct. Issues will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Failure to meet Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. For example: falsification of records or reports; plagiarism; or cheating on an examination, quiz, or any other assignment (see Code of [Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct](#)).
2. Personal integrity or conduct demonstrating unfitness to continue preparation for the profession of nursing. Integrity and conduct will be judged according to the standards of the most recent as adopted by the American Nurses' Association.

### Reinstatement

A student who has been dismissed from the School of Nursing for academic failure or any other reason may request reinstatement only one time. A student who has been dismissed from and been denied reinstatement to any of the three tracks at the Indiana University School of Nursing (Traditional BSN, Accelerated BSN or RN-to-BSN) may after a period of seven years re-apply to the School of Nursing upon the discretion of APG.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-31*

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## Eligibility for Licensure

Those who apply for licensure examination as a registered nurse in the state of Indiana must meet all requirements set forth by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and are required to submit to the Indiana State Board of Nursing (ISBN) written evidence, confirmed by oath, that they:

1. Have not been convicted of any act that would constitute grounds for disciplinary sanction under the Indiana State Board of Nursing rules and regulations or of any felony that has direct bearing on their ability to practice competently (note that relevant convictions include the possession and use of drugs or controlled substances);
2. Have completed a high school course of study or its equivalent as approved by the appropriate educational agency;
3. Have completed all graduation requirements at a state-accredited school of nursing.

Each student is responsible for meeting licensure application deadlines. Students who wish to be licensed in another state must contact that state's board of nursing directly. Students are responsible for processing all required licensure-related forms and applications and for meeting all state requirements for licensure. A graduate is eligible to schedule a date to take the computerized licensure examination once the State Board of Nursing has cleared the graduate to do so. Detailed instructions for completed the licensure process can be found at the Indiana State Board of Nursing [website](#).

International students and graduates of foreign nursing programs should contact the Indiana State Board of

Nursing for licensure requirements specific to them if they wish licensure in this state.

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## Undergraduate Policies

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Full versions of all School of Nursing policies impacting undergraduate students may be found by contacting the Student Services office at [nursoes1@iupui.edu](mailto:nursoes1@iupui.edu).

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## Orientation

All students enrolled for the first time in nursing program courses in the School of Nursing are required to attend the nursing orientation program at the beginning of the semester for which they are admitted. Freshmen and transfer students are expected to attend the campus orientation program.

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## Auditing Courses

### Auditing of Courses

Students may register for general-education classes that will not apply to their BSN degree on a credit or audit basis. Students auditing a course must officially register for the class and pay any applicable fees. Upon completion, the course is entered on the permanent university transcript as taken for no credit (NC). Required general-education courses taken for NC will not apply toward completion of nursing degree requirements. Students should check with an academic counselor as to procedures and fees for auditing classes.

Students may not audit nursing practicum courses. Permission to audit a didactic nursing course depends on availability of space, faculty consent, and demonstration of adequate program progression on the part of the student.

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## Time Limits

### Time limits placed on courses used for application to the BSN

Knowledge and competencies developed in courses that fulfill the requirements for Anatomy, Human Physiology, Finite Math, Microbiology, and Statistics are considered to be time limited for individuals pursuing an undergraduate degree in nursing. If any of these courses were taken more than **seven years prior** to the application to the nursing undergraduate degree, the applicant must validate the related knowledge and competencies through testing, portfolio, or repeating the course to be eligible for admission and progression.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-15, AFS 16 & AFS 30.*

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### Time limits on completion of the BSN Program

Students pursuing the Traditional track must complete all BSN degree requirements within five years of enrolling in the first nursing course in the nursing major.

Students pursuing the Accelerated track must complete all BSN degree requirements within three years of enrolling in the first nursing course in the nursing major.

Students pursuing the RN-BSN track must complete all BSN degree requirements within four years of enrolling in the first nursing course in the nursing major, per IU RN-BSN Consortium guidelines.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-26.*

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## Transfer

Students requesting a transfer of any type should meet with the academic advisors at IUSON. Students on any IU Campus must meet with and receive a letter that supports the transfer from the Nursing Dean or Director on the campus that they are transferring from. This letter must be sent directly from the Nursing Dean/Director to the Chair of the Indiana University School of Nursing BSN Admission, Progression, and Graduation (APG) Committee. The student must also notify the Academic Advisor on the campus they are transferring from regarding their intent to transfer. The policies listed below will further outline the detailed procedures for each type of transfer request.

### Student Permanent Transfer

The School of Nursing provides a mechanism for IU students who wish to permanently transfer to a Core Campus.

The School of Nursing provides a mechanism for nursing students from ACEN or CCNE Accredited BSN Programs other than Indiana University to permanently transfer to the BSN Program on the Core Campus.

Indiana University School of Nursing reserves the right to accept or deny transfer of credit based on the guidelines below.

1. Students may only request a transfer once.
2. Students must be in good standing at the time of request for transfer and at the time of transfer.

3. Only courses with a grade of "C" or Satisfactory (or better) will be considered for transfer credit. To help decide, transfer students may need to provide catalog course descriptions and/or course syllabi.
4. There may be only a one-semester gap in attending clinical courses at the previous university (Indiana University or other).
5. Students may not have any previous nursing course failures.
6. Students may not request a transfer if they have ever been dismissed from a nursing program.
7. Students should be aware that transfers are awarded on a space-available basis only.
8. Students who transfer will hold out of sequence status for registration.
9. Students who transfer must meet all compliance requirements of the intended transfer campus.
10. Students who transfer must meet the general education requirements of the campus they transfer to before they can graduate from that campus.
11. Students will submit a written request for a permanent transfer to Academic Advising on the Core Campus where they intend to transfer.
12. Requests for transfer will be reviewed by the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs.
13. Students must communicate with and receive a letter that supports the transfer from the Nursing Dean or Director on the campus that they are transferring from. This letter must be sent directly from the Nursing Dean/Director to the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at IUSON (Core).
14. The decision to permanently transfer a student will be determined by the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and the Assistant Dean for Prelicensure Programs.
15. In case of more requests than seats available, priority will be given based on nursing GPA. This is the GPA for all courses which are "NURS" courses taken while in the program.
16. Students who transfer must accept the transfer in writing.
17. The deadline to accept the transfer is 2 weeks after notification of the decision. Students will be notified of the decision by the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs (within 5 business days) by phone with a follow up email, or by email only (coping the advisor on the new campus).
18. Students will be provided with their tentative graduation date, degree plan with remaining coursework, and a statement that this request is granted pending space availability.
19. The advisor from the new campus will be responsible for tracking the student's documentation and acceptance.
20. Students who are deemed ineligible for a permanent transfer by the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and the Assistant Dean for Prelicensure Programs have the right to appeal this decision via a written request to the Admission, Progression, and Graduation (APG) committee.
  1. Requests for a permanent transfer beginning in the spring semester will be reviewed at the October APG meeting. All materials for the request must be submitted to the Chair of the

APG committee 1 week prior to the October APG meeting.

2. Requests for a permanent transfer beginning in the fall semester will be reviewed at the May APG meeting. All materials for the request must be submitted to the Chair of the APG committee 1 week prior to the May APG meeting.

### ***Procedure(Specific)***

In addition to the general policies above, these specific requirements must also be met for transfer.

### **Permanent Transfer within the Core**

1. Students may only request a transfer after the end of semester 4 in the traditional BSN Curriculum and end of semester 2 in the accelerated BSN curriculum.
2. Students must notify their Academic Advisor on the Core Campus they are transferring from regarding their intent to transfer to another Core campus.

### **Student Permanent Transfer from another IU Campus/ University to a Core Campus**

1. Students who wish to transfer to the School of Nursing at a Core Campus must first apply for admission to the Indiana University campus where they intended to transfer.
2. Students transferring from another IU campus must notify their Academic Advisor on the IU campus they are transferring from regarding their intent to transfer.
3. Students must request that all official transcripts containing coursework for review are sent directly to the Admissions Office on the campus they intend to transfer to, and to the School of Nursing. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by the School of Nursing.
4. To be eligible for admission to the Indiana University School of Nursing, the transfer student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 from the transfer institution(s). This GPA is consistent with the minimum admission requirement for the pre-licensure programs (AFS-15 and AFS-16).
5. Students must provide a syllabus for all nursing courses they wish to transfer to Indiana University for faculty evaluation. Courses may transfer only with faculty approval on a course-by-course basis. Any syllabi or additional documentation will be provided to the academic advisor. The Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and the Assistant Dean for the Prelicensure programs will complete a curriculum review prior to making transfer decisions. All syllabi and documentation must be sent to the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs to complete the review to determine appropriate curricular placement.
6. A student must take and pass at least 30 credits of nursing at Indiana University for the BSN degree to be conferred from the IU School of Nursing.
7. At the time of transfer decision, students must have completed at least one successful semester of nursing school. Depending on how courses transfer,

there is a possibility that students will be out of sequence and not in a cohort.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-38*

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### **Student Temporary Transfer**

The School of Nursing provides a mechanism for students who wish to temporarily transfer from another Core School of Nursing campus or any other Indiana University Campus to the BSN Program on the three Core Campuses.

1. Students from within the 3 Core Schools must meet with a nursing advisor on their home campus to determine if transferring to another Core School for one term (or one course) is appropriate.
2. Students from outside of the 3 Core Schools must meet with and receive a letter that supports the transfer from the Nursing Associate Dean/Director on the campus that they are transferring from. This letter must be sent directly from the Nursing Associate Dean/Director to the Chair of the APG Committee 5 business days prior to the APG meeting.
3. Students must also notify the Academic Advisor on the campus they are transferring from regarding their intent to transfer temporarily.
4. Students will submit a written request for a temporary transfer to the Chair of the APG Committee 5 business days prior to the APG meeting.
5. Students should be aware that transfers are awarded on a space-available basis only.
6. Students may not request a temporary transfer if they have ever been dismissed from a nursing program.
7. Students who transfer will hold out of sequence status for registration.
8. If a student needs to transfer for the spring semester, their situation will be reviewed at the December and January APG meetings.
9. If a student needs to transfer for the fall semester, their situation will be reviewed at the May and August APG meetings.
10. If a student needs to transfer for the summer semester, their situation will be reviewed at the March and May APG meetings.
11. Advisors from the 3 Core Schools will collaborate prior to the APG meetings regarding whether they anticipate having openings or students needing to transfer.
12. In case of more requests than seats available, priority will be given based on nursing GPA.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-33*

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## **Withdraw**

### **Withdrawal from Nursing Courses**

Withdrawals (grade of W) are issued to students wishing to withdraw from any or all courses during designated periods in the academic term.

Students must abide by the deadline dates posted by the registrar for each campus. A grade of W will appear on student transcripts when students self-withdraw during the electronic drop (edrop) period.

Following this, students wishing to withdraw must initiate a Late Drop request via One.IU or complete the official withdrawal form for each course and obtain the appropriate signature; with the faculty assigning a grade of W or F, per university policy. If the student performance was at a C level or satisfactory in a pass/fail course, a grade of W will be assigned, whereas students not passing at the time of withdrawal will be assigned an F grade. The instructor and campus dean/associate dean/designee will determine if the grade of W will be issued.

A grade of F will be recorded on the official transcript if a student stops attending but does not officially withdraw from a class.

Students withdrawing from nursing course work must complete this work prior to progression in the program.

Students withdrawing from a didactic nursing course must also withdraw from the co-requisite practicum courses, unless 75% of practicum course has been completed.

Students withdrawing from required nursing course work will be considered out-of-sequence students. The date of graduation for out of sequence students is not guaranteed.

Students who withdraw from the nursing major in the first semester without beginning coursework, must seek readmission to the program (i.e. students who do not show up for the program at the start of the term).

More than three academic withdrawals in a semester from nursing or required science courses are considered lack of progress toward the degree. If a student withdraws from a course that requires automatic withdrawal from a co-requisite course, this withdrawal from the two courses will be counted as one withdrawal. A pattern of multiple withdrawals across more than one semester may be considered lack of progress toward the degree by the Admission, Progression, and Graduation committee and may influence a request for consideration of reinstatement to the nursing program.

### **Withdrawal from Non-Standard Nursing Courses**

Students enrolled in non-standard nursing courses may withdraw according to the following guide:

- Students may withdraw with an automatic grade of W during the first 50% of the term.
- Students withdraw with appropriate signature any time after the first 50% of the term, up until a full 75% of the term is complete. Withdrawals during this period are assigned a W or an F, according to university policy (delineated above).
- Calendar start and stop dates posted with the registrar are adhered to for non-standard terms, regardless of the proportion of work completed via self-scheduled or self-paced clinical or courses of study.

Students are encouraged to seek advice from their academic advisors or faculty, when considering withdrawing from coursework, retaking coursework, and upon reinstatement to the BSN program.



### Withdrawal due to an emergency

Students may need to withdraw from courses due to an unexpected event such as a major medical issue, death in the family, job loss, or divorce. Student should contact their academic or the Student Advocacy Office on their campus.

### Withdrawal for Military Leave

Students called to active duty, specialized training, or disaster relief efforts any time during an academic term have several options for handling courses that are in process. Students should contact their advisor and work with the Center for Veteran and Military Students on their campus as soon as they are notified of an upcoming deployment or extended military duty.

Indiana University School of Nursing reserves the right to accept or deny transfer of credit based on these guidelines.

Students are encouraged to seek advice from advisors, faculty, or the Assistant Dean of Student Services when considering withdrawing from coursework, retaking coursework, and upon reinstatement to the BSN program.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-23.*

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## Academic Procedures & Requirements

### Academic Procedures & Requirements

Below is a select list of key student processes and requirements. For a comprehensive list of all School of Nursing policy, including detailed information and procedures, please reference the policies as listed in this Bulletin.

### Completion of Degree Requirements

The School of Nursing must receive notices of removal of Incomplete and Deferred grades, special credit grades, and independent study course grades no later than three weeks before the end of classes in the student's last semester prior to graduation.

### Professional Liability Insurance

Indiana University provides liability insurance to each nursing student while in the clinical setting, provided that the student is enrolled in clinical course work. Students not enrolled in clinical courses are not covered by liability insurance and will not be allowed into the clinical setting. Students who are employed in a health care facility should check with their employer regarding liability insurance requirements. IU School of Nursing does not cover students beyond the classroom and/or clinical settings.

### Health Insurance

Health insurance is mandatory and students are expected to demonstrate insurance coverage upon entrance to the program and continued coverage throughout the program (For more details, see Policy AFS-08).

### Criminal Background Checks

Students currently enrolled in the IU School of Nursing will be required to submit a national criminal background check upon admission and will be required to renew it annually. It is the responsibility of each applicant and student to pay the fee for the screening directly to the IUSON approved vendor. Each year, students will be required to submit their request for an updated national criminal background check report (For more details, see Policy AFS-35).

An updated national criminal background check will also be required for any student being readmitted or transferring to the program.

### Drug Screening

Students currently enrolled in the IU School of Nursing will be required to complete a drug screen upon admission and will be required to renew it annually. It is the responsibility of each applicant and student to pay the fee for the screening directly to the IUSON approved vendor.

### CPR Requirements

Current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is required. Students must be certified through an approved course or instructor. The approved courses are American Heart Association Health Care Provider and American Red Cross Professional Rescuer. The School of Nursing Office of Student Services office may offer a CPR course. CPR training must include:

- Infant
- Child
- Adult
- Individual rescue
- Two-person rescue
- Automated external defibrillation

Current CPR certification must be maintained throughout the student's entire nursing program. Evidence of certification must be filed with your campus' School of Nursing prior to beginning the clinical experiences. Students must also file evidence of re-certification prior to entering the second year of the major. Students must have current CPR certification on file in order to participate in clinical settings.

### Immunizations and Other Health Requirements

Immunizations are required to protect both students and patients. Additionally, clinical agencies and the School of Nursing also require additional immunizations, trainings, and/or screenings. Evidence of receipt of all immunization requirements should be in the form of a signed statement from the healthcare provider or copy of titer results from an approved provider. Students who do not have proof of all required immunizations will be administratively withdrawn from all nursing classes. Please contact the Center for Academic Affairs for a complete and current list of the required immunizations (all immunizations,

trainings, and screenings are at the student's expense). For more details, see Policy AFS-03.

Please contact the Center for Academic Affairs for detailed information about scheduling a screening. Students may be asked to submit to random drug screens anytime throughout their program in compliance with contract requirements of clinical agencies where students are placed. Positive drug screens may prevent a student from participating in clinical learning experiences. Lack of participation could constitute course failure and potential for dismissal from the program.

### Students with Disabilities

To facilitate the success and adaptation of undergraduate students in the School of Nursing with disabilities, the School of Nursing conforms to the applicable federal, state and university policies, regulations and definitions regarding students with disabilities. These include providing services that comply with external and internal policies and laws to qualified students through Accessible Educational Services, providing reasonable and appropriate accommodations, academic adjustments, and/or auxiliary aids for students with disabilities upon a timely request from the student; upholding academic standards in the context of these policies and services; assisting qualified students with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids and obtaining reasonable accommodations including modifications of programs and courses that do not fundamentally alter the essential nature of the program, through collaborative efforts with AES and academic and service units of IU Indianapolis; and maintaining legally appropriate confidentiality for students with disabilities except where permitted by law. For more details, see Policy AFS-11.

Students with physical, mental, or learning impairments are encouraged to consult with counselors from the Accessible Educational Services for assistance in meeting degree requirements. Students with disabilities must meet all academic and technical skill requirements of their program. Programs of support for students with disabilities are available on all IU campuses.

### Special Expenses

Students at the School of Nursing can expect to have special expenses as they progress through the BSN program. Expenses can include but are not limited to:

- Clinical and/or lab supplies
- Clinical fees; certain courses at the School of Nursing are assessed clinical fees in addition to credit hour charges
- Uniform; All undergraduate nursing students must purchase designated uniform/IUSON polo/scrubs and wear it, along with appropriate identification, while in clinical settings as required. Registered nurse students may wear a professional uniform appropriate to the clinical setting. Students not appropriately attired will be asked by their instructor to leave the clinical area
- Integrated Testing fees

- Programmatic expenses, such as annual criminal background check fees, computing expenses, and immunization costs
- IP Education Fees

### Technology and Information

School of Nursing students must be able to send and receive e-mail, and send and receive attachments. They should be comfortable using a Web browser to access Canvas, the University's learning management system, and to navigate the course environment and use the tools included in their courses. Students should use appropriate Internet etiquette in online communications. They should be able to search for and access nursing-related materials on the Web, and to return to those sites later by using stored Web addresses. Students should be able to competently use Microsoft Word and PowerPoint to create and appropriately format written assignments and basic presentations. They should be able to differentiate between scholarly and popular sources of information on the Web and to evaluate sources for general reliability and trustworthiness. To update skills, students have many opportunities for both classroom and online learning sources through the [University Information Technology \(UITS\) IT Training](#).

Students participating in Web-based courses and/or those using videoconferencing should have consistent access to computers with appropriately configured software and reliable Internet access at sufficient speeds (see [here](#) for specific information). The University officially supports both Macintosh and Windows based computers, but some software is not available for Macintosh computers. Students can download applications by logging in with their IU Network ID and password [here](#). Students are expected to install and maintain up-to-date virus detection software to prevent spreading harmful viruses and malware to faculty and other students when sharing files.

### Use of Social Media

IUSON faculty, staff, and students must adhere to the IU and IUSON policies and procedures and [HIPAA](#) obligations related to patient privacy, confidentiality and code of conduct at all times when using the Internet and social media sites. IUSON policies toward the use of social media are guided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. In the event that a violation of the social networking policy has occurred, the student's case will be handled according to the IUSON process for dealing with academic misconduct as outlined in the IU Indianapolis Bulletin and IU Code of Student, Ethics Rights and Responsibilities. Students who violate the policy are subject to disciplinary actions which may lead to dismissal from the program. For more details, please see Policy AFS-10.

### Formal Communication

The School of Nursing recognizes students' Indiana University e-mail address as the only official means of formal communication via e-mail with students. All students are required to have Indiana University e-mail account.

## Transportation

Clinical practice learning experiences are varied in setting and are located within the communities and counties surrounding the Core Campuses of IU Indianapolis, IU Bloomington and IU Fort Wayne. Students are expected to travel to and from all clinical experiences, are responsible for providing their own transportation, and are expected to carry the appropriate insurance. The School of Nursing is not liable for any traffic violations or auto accidents that occur during student commutes.

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## Graduate and Professional Policies

### Policies for the Indiana University School of Nursing Graduate Programs

#### Student Responsibility

It is a student's responsibility to familiarize themselves with all School of Nursing graduate program policies, and to remain currently informed throughout their program of study. All provisions of this Bulletin are in effect from the year in which the graduate student enters the nursing program. The Indiana University School of Nursing reserves the right to change the regulations in this Bulletin at any time during the period for which it is in effect, and to add, modify, or withdraw courses at any time.

**Residency Requirement for Degree Purposes** The institution maintains structures or practices that ensure the coherence and quality of the programs for which it awards a degree. All candidates for graduate degrees must complete at least 30 credit hours of graduate work while enrolled on campuses of Indiana University. The residency requirement must be met on the campus where the degree-granting unit is located. Any variation from the typical minimum must be explained and justified.

Full versions of all School of Nursing policies impacting graduate students may be found by contacting the Student Services office at nursing@iu.edu. School of Nursing policies impacting graduate students include, but are not limited to:

- **AFS-03 All Students Immunizations**  
Prior to registration in any clinical course and at the student's expense, every full time or part time, graduate or undergraduate, nursing student must provide proof of vaccinations required for clinical participation or provide documentation of titers proving disease immunity. Any student who has a medical contraindication for receiving an immunization is responsible for contacting their advisor or appropriate person on their campus for further instructions.
- **AFS-06 All Students Essential Abilities**  
The School of Nursing faculty has specified essential abilities (technical standards) critical to the success of students in any core IU nursing program. Students must demonstrate these essential abilities to succeed in their program of study. Qualified applicants are expected to meet all admission criteria and matriculating students are expected to meet all progression criteria, as well as these essential abilities (technical standards) with or without reasonable accommodations.
- **AFS-07 Evaluation of MSN Practicum Facilities and Preceptors**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure each practicum facility and preceptor (proposed and existing) will be evaluated for appropriateness in providing quality learning experiences to meet course and program outcomes

- **AFS-10 All Students Social Networking**  
The purpose of this policy is to outline the IUSON guidelines for appropriate use of Internet social networking sites by students engaging in online discourse and identifying themselves with IUSON.
- **AFS-11 Students with Disabilities**  
The School of Nursing must conform to the applicable federal, state and university policies, regulations and definitions regarding students with disabilities.
- **AFS-45 Failure to Progress and Dismissal from the Graduate Program**  
To delineate the circumstances constituting and consequences for failure to progress in the Graduate Program in the IU School of Nursing (IUSON).
- **AFS-46 MSN Admission** The objective of this policy is to delineate any criteria for admission and progression that is specific to the MSN program in the School of Nursing.
- **AFS-47 National Criminal Background Check for Students in Graduate Degree Programs** A national criminal background check is required of all individuals prior to matriculating into an IUSON graduate degree program. Students are required to complete an original criminal history from the required national database. No criminal history check will be accepted from any other source. Once admitted, students will submit an updated national criminal background check as required by the program, and at any time required by a clinical agency or change in their status. Students are responsible for notifying the Director of Clinical Placement in the IUSON Center for Academic Affairs on the IU Indianapolis campus within seven (7) working days of any change in their status. Students are financially responsible for obtaining all national criminal background information.
- **AFS-48 Graduate Student Course Grade Appeals** Students have the right to appeal a final course grade assigned by a faculty member. The grounds on which a student may appeal a grade include prejudice, caprice, or other improper conditions such as mechanical error, or assignment of a grade inconsistent with those assigned to other students. Additionally, a student may challenge the reduction of a grade for alleged scholastic dishonesty.
- **AFS-49 Graduate Clock Hours** Consistency in the interpretation of clock hours per credit hour for graduate students ensures fairness and promotes accurate calculation of clinical practice experience time.
- **AFS-50 Leave of Absence from the Graduate Program** Students must maintain continuous enrollment within their designated graduate program track according to an approved written program plan. Students who are unable to maintain continuous enrollment for health or personal reasons may request a leave of absence from the program.

- **AFS-52 Course Equivalency and Transfer of Credits into the Graduate Program**

Graduate students may request to transfer in graduate credits earned at another institution to satisfy the requirements for their IUSON degree program. Guidelines for the acceptance of graduate credits may vary depending on the graduate degree program in which the student is enrolled.

- **AFS-53 Graduate Program Reinstatement Following Dismissal**

A student who has been dismissed from the School of Nursing for academic failure or any other reason may request reinstatement to the graduate program one time.

- **AFS-54 Graduate Grades of Incomplete** A grade of Incomplete "I" may be assigned to a student who has performed at a satisfactory level during a majority of the course but has not completed all the required work by the end of the term due to extenuating circumstances that the instructor deems would make it unjust to penalize that student for not completing the required work on time.

- **AFS-56 PhD Dissertation Project**

PhD in Nursing Science students will follow the guidelines for preparing dissertations set forth in the Indiana University Graduate School Bulletin.

- **AFS-57 Admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program**

The objective of this policy is to delineate any criteria for admission and progression that is specific to the DNP program in the School of Nursing.

- **AFS-59 Criteria for Admission and Progression in the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science Program**

The objective of this policy is to delineate any criteria for admission and progression that is specific to the PhD program in the School of Nursing.

- **AFS-60 PhD Qualifying Examinations**

PhD students in IUSON complete qualifying exams as outlined in the Indiana University Graduate School Bulletin.

- **AFS-68 Grading of Graduate Nursing Courses**

Equal intervals will be used for grade distribution in all School of Nursing Graduate Program courses in which percentage based evaluation is employed. The establishment of percentage intervals for use in graduate program courses will ensure consistency in final grade assignment.

- **AFS-70 Graduate Preceptor Appointment Policy** Criteria used for the selection of clinical preceptors and preceptor documentation.

- **AFS-72 Graduate Clinical Placement**

The IU School of Nursing Clinical Placement Office ensures clinical placements for IUSON graduate students. The director of clinical placement establishes and maintain partnerships with clinical facilities for the purpose of student clinical experiences and assures that clinical site affiliation agreements are current. Program track coordinators are responsible for assuring appropriate student clinical requirements are met and evaluating preceptor qualifications and clinical sites for ability to support student learning consistent with course

objectives. Preceptor approval must be in alignment with IUSON policy (AFS-07, AFS-70).

Indiana University policies impacting students may be found [here](#). University policies impacting graduate students include, but are not limited to:

- **Distinction & Honors**
- **Cheating & Plagiarism**
- **English as a Second Language**
- **Semester Load**
- **Auditing of Courses**
- **Withdrawals**
- **Incomplete (I) Grades**
- **Deferred Grades**
- **Addition of Courses/Change of Section**
- **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

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## Professional and Technical Standards

### Professional & Technical Standards

Both the program learning outcomes in the Baccalaureate program, and the supporting curriculum components adhere to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) [Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice](#). BSN students are expected to demonstrate the ability to meet the competency statements of the BSN Essentials by the completion of the BSN program. Students are also held to the following professional and technical standards:

1. [American Nurse Association \(ANA\) Standards of Practice & Standards of Professional Performance](#)
2. [American Nurse Association \(ANA\) Code of Ethics](#)

### Essential Abilities

The School of Nursing faculty has specified essential abilities (technical standards) critical to the success of students in any IU nursing program. Students must demonstrate these essential abilities to succeed in their program of study. Qualified applicants are expected to meet all admission criteria and matriculating students are expected to meet all progression criteria, as well as these essential abilities (technical standards) with or without reasonable accommodations.

1. Essential judgment skills to include: ability to identify, assess, and comprehend conditions surrounding patient situations for the purpose of problem solving patient conditions and coming to appropriate conclusions and/or prioritized course of actions.
2. Essential physical functions to include: ability to meet physical expectations to safely and competently perform interventions required in the practice of nursing. Behaviors that demonstrate essential physical expectation include, but are not limited to freely walking, lifting, bending, and



stretching without limitations consistent with course and program expectations. Additionally, being able to properly perform hand hygiene and use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) consistently for the safety and protection of student and patients.

3. Essential neurological functions to include: ability to use the senses of sight, hearing, touch, and smell to make correct judgments regarding patient conditions. Behaviors that demonstrate essential neurological include, but are not limited to observation, listening, understanding relationships, writing, and sensory abilities consistent with course and program expectations.
4. Essential communication skills to include: ability to communicate effectively with fellow students, faculty, patients, families, and all members of the health care team. Verbal, non-verbal, electronic, and written skills will consistently demonstrate effective, professional communication.
5. Essential emotional coping skills to include: ability to demonstrate the mental health necessary to safely engage in the practice of nursing as determined by professional standards of practice. Uncontrolled anger, lack of self-control, disengagement, lethargy, and labile mood are examples of behaviors indicative of ineffective coping.
6. Essential intellectual/conceptual skills to include: ability to measure, calculate, analyze, synthesize, and critically evaluate in order to engage competently in the safe practice of nursing.
7. Other essential behavioral attributes: ability to engage in activities consistent with safe nursing practice free from the influence of any substance that may impair behavior or judgment. The student must demonstrate responsibility and accountability for actions as a student in the School of Nursing and as a developing professional nurse.
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Students failing to meet these essential abilities, as determined by faculty, at any point in their academic program may have their progress interrupted until they have demonstrated their ability to meet these essential abilities within negotiated time frames.

For more details, please reference IUSON policy AFS-06

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## Academic Standing & Progression

### Academic Standing & Progression

After admission to the BSN program, placement in nursing courses for the academic year is based on a priority ranking system.

#### Good Standing

Students who maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 and earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or better in all required general education and didactic courses and a grade of "S" in all required practicum/clinical courses and are progressing normally will be considered in good standing.

### Out of Sequence (OOS)

A student who has maintained the minimum cumulative GPA, and earned a passing grade in all required courses, but who has interrupted his/her course of study, or is in part time study in tracks in which a dictated full time progression plan is in place (e.g., not applicable to RN to BSN students whose plan of study is flexible). This includes:

- Students transferring in to IUSON are out of sequence:
  - Temporary transfer students are always considered out of sequence.
  - Permanent transfer students are out of sequence until such time as they have been placed in a permanent seat in a cohort.
- Students who have withdrawn from required courses for any reason are out of sequence until the student has successfully completed the courses that he/she has withdrawn from.
- Students who have opted to sit out from required courses for any reason are out of sequence until the student has successfully completed a full semester upon return.

**Note: Once an out of sequence student has been permanently placed in a new cohort in full timestudy, (and after one initial successful semester following the interruption or transfer) he/she is no longer out of sequence (and is in good standing). Part time students are always out of sequence.**

Students who have interrupted their program of study for any reason or desiring transfer to an IUSON core school are required to submit a written request to the chairperson of the BSN C/SA Admission, Progression, and Graduation (APG) Committee, using a standard form. Students seeking reentry should make their request (received by the APG committee) by March 15 for fall semester and September 15 for spring. All requests for reentry will be evaluated on the basis of the availability of resources. Reentry of students who have interrupted their study for any reason is not guaranteed. Students who reenter must adhere to the policies and curriculum of the School of Nursing that are in effect at the time of reentry. Transfer students should refer to the student transfer policies for details (AFS-38 Transfer Policy).

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-21 BSN Academic Standing.*

For more details, please see IUSON policies [here](#).

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### Progression in coursework in the nursing major

Nursing courses must be taken in the sequence indicated in the curriculum plan. A student must complete the entire level of nursing courses before progressing to the next level. Permission to take a course outside of the planned sequence must be approved by the APG committee.

#### Academic Probation

**Students enrolled in the Indiana University School of Nursing BSN Program will be placed on academic probation when any of the following conditions exist:**

1. The cumulative GPA falls below "C" (2.0)

2. The semester GPA falls below "C" (2.0)
3. A grade below "C" (2.0) has been received in a required didactic course, or a grade of "F" has been earned in a required practicum/clinical course-this includes required general education courses, as well as nursing major courses.
4. A Failing grade may be given for the following:
  - 1. failure to meet course objectives;
  - 2. academic dishonesty, misconduct, or personal misconduct as defined by Indiana University;
  - 3. unsafe clinical behavior: including (but not limited to) HIPAA violations, breaking agency policies, breaking course rules related to clinical behavior.

#### **Students who are on Academic Probation shall:**

1. Meet with a designated academic advisor for the home campus at least three sessions, adhering to posted timeline for completing meetings. Walk in meetings are not acceptable. Each campus may specify one or more group meetings that may count in this process. The purpose of the meetings is to plan for academic success. Students may not register until they complete the three meetings, and each campus will set timing parameters that are required to ensure that students are engaged early in the semester and not simply rushing in late in a semester.
2. Complete a required plan for tutoring/remediation during the time period in which he/she is on probation. This plan is completed with the designated faculty or professional staff person by campus. *Students on academic probation will not be released to register for the next semester until these conditions have been fully met and met with advisor.*

#### **Academic Probation will be removed and a student returned to "good standing" when all of the following conditions exist:**

1. The cumulative GPA returns to "C" (2.0) or higher.
2. The semester GPA is "C" (2.0) or higher.
3. A minimum grade of "C" (2.0) has been received in the required didactic courses completed, and a grade of "S" has been earned in the required practicum/clinical courses completed. All other specific conditions, if required, have been met.
4. The student has secured a permanent placement in a new cohort.

**Note: Students who have been dismissed and reinstated will remain on academic probation throughout the remainder of the program.**

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-21 BSN Academic Standing.*

*For more details, please see IUSON policies [here](#)*

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## **BSN Degree Requirements**

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**

Students in the BSN program are responsible for meeting the following degree requirements. Though the School of Nursing makes every attempt to provide students with academic advising and program planning assistance, the students are accountable for complying with all published academic policies related to the BSN program. There are three program options for completion of BSN degree requirements. To be eligible for graduation from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, students must complete a minimum overall number of credit hours required for the degree, as well as a minimum number of credit hours which must reflect nursing major courses, dependent upon program option which they are pursuing. Credits earned in remedial learning skill courses do not count toward the credit hour requirement. Credits from successfully repeated courses can only be used once toward the overall credit hours needed for the BSN degree.

#### **BSN Traditional Track**

Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours with a grade of C or higher in each didactic course and an S (Satisfactory) in all clinical/practicum courses required for the degree. Of the 120 credit hours, 75 credit hours must reflect nursing major courses.

#### **BSN Accelerated Second Degree Track**

Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours with a grade of C or higher in each didactic course and an S (Satisfactory) in all clinical/practicum courses required for the degree required for the degree. Of the 120 credit hours, 64 credit hours must reflect nursing major courses.

#### **RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option**

Complete a total of 120 credit hours. Requirements are broken down as follows:

- Nursing credits prior to admission (33–36 credit hours)
- General education courses (30 credit hours)
- Nursing required courses (33 credit hours—nine required courses and a choice of two electives)
- Other courses of your choosing (21–23 credit hours) You can take nursing electives to fulfill this requirement.

You can complete nursing courses in 12 months of full-time study or 18 to 24 months of part-time study, along with up to nine months of general education coursework.

For additional information about the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, please view the following information:

- Academic Policies and Procedures
- Accelerated Track
- Admission Requirements
- Academic Expectations & Progression
- Honors Study Option
- School Requirements

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-26*

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## BSN Accelerated Second Degree Track

### BSN Accelerated Second Degree Track

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Accelerated Second Degree track is designed for students who have earned a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field and want to pursue a nursing career. The program moves at a fast pace - 4 semester year round of full-time study - with a concept-based, cutting-edge curriculum that prepares you for a career as a professional nurse.

You will work with nursing faculty in the school and expert nurse preceptors in the community as part of the clinical and practical experiences of the program, gaining exposure to hospital and community-based nursing. In addition, you will participate in simulation exercises and interprofessional education experiences with IU students in other healthcare fields.

### BSN Accelerated Second Degree Track Sample Curriculum Plan

Semester One	Credits
Promoting Healthy Populations (NURS B237)	3
Health Assessment Lab (NURS B245)	2
Fundamentals of Nursing Practice (NURS B260)	5
Pathophysiology & Pharmacology for Nursing (NURS B261)	4
Comprehensive Health Assessment (NURS B247)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>17</b>
Semester Two	Credits
Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (NURS R375)	3
Transitional Care of Families & Populations (NURS B334)	5
Professionalism in Collaborative Practice (NURS B253)	3
Biophysical Processes (NURS H356)	5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
Semester Three	Credits
Interactive Processes (NURS H360)	5
Adaptive Processes (NURS H371)	5
Leadership in Healthcare Delivery and Policy (NURS L330)	4
Healthcare Ethics (S474)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>17</b>
Semester Four	Credits
Complex Processes (NURS H476)	5

Capstone (NURS S483)	3
Managing Transitions Across Care Environments (NURS B445)	3
Second Degree Synthesis for Professional Nursing (NURS S489)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

***\*This includes 56 total general education and prerequisite credits***

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## BSN Admission Requirements: Accelerated Second Degree Track

### BSN Admission Requirements: Accelerated Second Degree Track

Application deadlines, due dates and information for the BSN Accelerated Second Degree Track IUSON at IU Indianapolis and IU Fort Wayne are found below and may also be found at the [IU School of Nursing website](#).

#### Spring semester entry: IU Indianapolis and IU Fort Wayne

- Applications available online: July 15
- Deadline to apply: October 15
- Application closes at 5 p.m. on October 15

#### Summer semester entry: IU Indianapolis

- Applications available online: October 15
- Deadline to apply: April 15
- Application closes at 5 p.m. on April 15

#### Fall semester entry: IU Indianapolis and IU Fort Wayne

- Applications available online: January 15
  - Deadline to apply: April 15
  - Application closes at 5 p.m. on April 15
1. Students may apply for admission to the Accelerated BSN Second Degree Track during the senior year of the initial baccalaureate degree; or following graduation, so long as all of the application criteria are fulfilled. If applying during completion of the initial baccalaureate degree, admission will be conditional on degree completion with a 2.7 cumulative GPA. Failure to complete the baccalaureate degree with the required GPA will cause an admission offer to be rescinded.
  2. Students must be admitted to Indiana University (specifically to the campus applying for) as a degree-seeking student.
  3. Students must have fully completed all the general education requirements of the Indiana University campus applying for by the established deadline.
  4. Anticipated completion or completing of a bachelor's degree must be from a regionally accredited institution, and the baccalaureate degree should have at least 120 credits.
  5. Students must fully complete the following BSN required prerequisite coursework by the established deadline. (students may not apply while enrolled in these courses beyond the established deadline; a

satisfactory grade must be on the transcript by the established deadline). These grades will constitute the Nursing Application GPA:

1. Anatomy (BIOL N261 or acceptable transfer course, in-person lab required)
2. Physiology (BIOL N17 or acceptable transfer course, in-person lab required)
3. Microbiology (MICR J210 or acceptable transfer course, in-person lab required)
4. 300 or 400 level Statistics course
5. English Composition (ENG W131 or acceptable transfer course)
6. Introductory Sociology (SOC R100 or acceptable transfer course)
7. Introductory Psychology (PSY B110 or acceptable transfer course)
8. Each campus within the IU School of Nursing Core will utilize coursework within a student's first degree on the application to satisfy the general education core, as it exists on each campus. These grades will be incorporated into the Nursing Application GPA. Required BSN course work may be completed at Indiana University or transferred from another college or university. If transfer credit, the student may not apply until this credit is evaluated and accepted by Indiana University.
6. Prerequisite coursework used for application to this track of the BSN program.
7. Students must complete the first baccalaureate degree with a GPA of at least 2.7. If the student graduates with an overall GPA below 2.7, the conditional admission offer will be rescinded.
8. Time limitation on specific courses: Knowledge and competencies developed in courses that fulfill the requirements for anatomy, human physiology, microbiology, and upper division statistics are considered to be time limited for individuals pursuing an undergraduate degree in nursing. If any of these courses were taken more than seven years prior to the application (at time of application) to the nursing undergraduate degree, the applicant must validate the related knowledge and competencies through testing, portfolio, or repeating the course to be eligible for admission and progression.
9. Students who wish to apply to this track of the BSN program must not have been dismissed from another school of nursing.
10. In order to be eligible for clinical placement students must have a social security number in order to apply. There are no exceptions or exemptions. Students applying without a social security number will have an offer of admission rescinded.
11. Must submit application by specified published dates. Applications received after deadlines may not be considered for requested admission cycle. Students wishing to reapply for a following academic cycle are invited to do so.
12. Please note also that entering students must complete a national criminal background check. If there are findings on the background check that preclude clinical placement, the admission offer will be rescinded. Consult with an academic advisor if you have questions.

## Admission Process

1. Students may apply to Indiana University and the Accelerated BSN Second Degree Track concurrently. Students transferring to Indiana University from another institution will have their transcript evaluated by the Admission Office of Indiana University and the School of Nursing before determining admission eligibility.
2. Students meeting above admission criteria and applying for a specific admission cycle will be admitted based on the Nursing Application GPA.
3. Students will be admitted to Accelerated BSN Second Degree Track for a specific admission cycle, and are expected to enter that cycle. Students not entering that specific admission cycle may reapply for admission to a subsequent admission cycle.
4. Students will be held to all existing BSN policies related to admission, progression, and graduation not addressed in this policy.

## Exemptions:

If students have extenuating circumstances, students may request an exemption to the admission policy criteria through the APG committee. Students are permitted to submit an appeal to this committee a maximum of two times for admission requirements.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-16*

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## BSN Admission Requirements: Traditional Pre-Licensure Track

### BSN Traditional Track Admission Requirements

Application deadlines, due dates and information for the IUSON Core Campuses of Bloomington, Fort Wayne, and Indianapolis are found below and may also be found at [IU School of Nursing website](#). Students interested in nursing on another IU campus should consult the website of that campus for more information about nursing.

### Fall semester entry for IU Bloomington, IU Fort Wayne, IU Indianapolis

- Applications available online: January 15
- Deadline to apply: April 15
- Application closes at 5 p.m. on April 15

### Spring semester entry for IU Fort Wayne and IU Indianapolis

- Applications available online: July 15
- Deadline to apply: October 15
- Application closes at 5 p.m. on October 15

The admission process is competitive, and acceptance depends on the number of applicants and the applicant's ability to compete academically in the pool of applicants. Students seeking admission to the nursing major must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. The applicant must be admitted to Indiana University as a degree-seeking student and must submit official transcripts from other universities attended so that credits may be transferred.



2. The applicant must achieve a minimum weighted admission score of 3.0 to be eligible for admission.
  3. All applicants must meet the nursing program core course requirements. The nursing program requires the following five courses: English Composition, Introductory Psychology, Introductory Sociology, Human Anatomy [or Anatomy & Physiology I (A & P I) at IUFW] and Finite Math (or Calculus). These five courses comprise 65% of the weighted admission score and are required for admission to any of the three Core Campuses (IU Indianapolis, IU Bloomington, or IU Fort Wayne).
  4. Applicant must gain admission to the nursing program by the third application attempt.
  5. All applicants must also meet three or four additional campus specific general education requirements. Required general education courses are listed below by campus. These courses comprise 35% of the weighted admission score. The total number of credit hours used to meet the application requirements is typically 28-31 credits.
    - At IU Indianapolis:
      - Speech, *required*
      - Human Physiology, *required*
      - Arts and Humanities and/or Cultural Understanding General Education course, and/or MATH-M110 or M111 (Maximum of 2 courses – one General Education Course is required)
    - At IU Bloomington:
      - Human Physiology, *required*
      - Additionally, two courses from the following General Education requirement groups are to be entered on the application:
        - Social and Historical (maximum of 1 course);
        - World Language/World Culture (maximum of 2 courses) and/or
        - Arts and Humanities (maximum of 2 courses)
      - Preference will be given to students who have completed 51% of application courses at a core campus (IU Indianapolis, IUB or IUFW). General education/prerequisite courses taken through Purdue Fort Wayne are considered in the 51% policy for IUB campus. If additional seats are available, students who have completed fewer than 51% of their application courses at a core campus will be considered. Students who did not attend a core campus who will be submitting an application should work with a nursing advisor to determine exact courses to be placed on the application.
    - At IU Fort Wayne:
      - Speech, *required*
      - Anatomy and Physiology 2, *required*
      - Additionally, one course from Arts and Humanities is to be entered on the application.
      - CHM 10400 or one additional course from Social Sciences general education.
  6. In the case of courses with a laboratory component, the didactic and lab are considered one course. The grade earned on the most recent attempt will be used for calculation of GPA for admission purposes. This policy relates to IU and transfer courses, and students who are not able to meet the minimum criteria are ineligible for admission consideration.
  7. The applicant must achieve a grade of C (2.0) or higher for each course and an overall minimum weighted admission score of 3.0 at the time of final application processing. This criterion also applies to any student wishing to transfer required courses from a university other than Indiana University. Applicants may use up to a maximum of 7 credits of Special Departmental (S) or Test (T) credit (e.g. Advanced Placement or departmental examination credit). The Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology requirements must be met with graded college coursework, not by S or T credits.
  8. The applicant must complete all required course work by an established deadline date. This includes independent studies, correspondence course work and courses for which students have received an incomplete (I). Students wishing to transfer required course work from a university other than Indiana University must be in good academic standing in that university (i.e., must not have been dismissed) and have achieved a grade of C (2.0) or higher in courses for which transfer is being requested.
  9. Applicants will complete a separate application to the specific Core Campus (IU Indianapolis, or IUB, or IUFW) they aspire to be admitted to. Although students may apply to more than one campus, students must meet all the admission requirements for the specific campus to which they submit an application. IUSON Core Advisors will maintain a list of some common courses posted in One Drive to facilitate the transferability of General Education course for students intending to apply to more than one campus. Students are required to complete the Intercampus Transfer form by the application deadline (March 15 for Fall admission and November 1 for Spring admission). Students planning to transfer to a different Core campus are required to meet with a Nursing or Pre-Nursing advisor on the campus to which they are applying.
  10. Students will be ranked using their Weighted Admission Score.
  11. Students who have been dismissed from another School of Nursing are not eligible for admission.
  12. Students must have a social security number at the time of application.
  13. Students must be at least 18 years of age at the time of admission.
- As part of the application process the applicant must submit a Student Criminal Disclosure form to communicate any issues that would be documented on a national criminal background check. Students who have a criminal history that precludes clinical placement will not be eligible for admission (consult with an academic advisor).

If a student has taken a set of combined-content Anatomy and Physiology courses at another university, each of the Core Campuses admissions department will

determine how they transfer in. Because there may be campus differences, the IUSON will record on the nursing application the exact grades the student received in all components which meet the requirement with the grade awarded by the institution where the student took the course. For example, if the Anatomy requirement is met with a combination of Anatomy and Physiology part 1 and 2 with separate grades for the lectures and labs, there would be four separate entries on the nursing application.

#### Nursing Program Core Required Courses GPA (65%):

- English Composition
- Introductory Psychology
- Introductory Sociology
- Human Anatomy (or A & P I for IUFW)
- Finite Math or Calculus

#### General Education Courses GPA (35%):

The remaining courses listed on the application constitute the General Education course requirements. The applicant must have completed the minimum requirements listed in item 6 for the campus(es) for which they are applying. The applicant must designate which courses will be applied to meet the general education requirements where course choice is an option. These courses may come from approved course lists relevant to the campus to which the student is seeking admission.

Grades earned in transfer courses accepted and applied to required general education credit hours will count in the calculation of either the General Education Courses GPA or the Required Courses GPA.

When multiple students are tied for the final position available in an incoming class the Center for Academic Affairs will:

1. Extend the number of decimal places presented in the Weighted Admission Score to identify and select the student with the higher score.
2. Compare the tied students' application overall GPA and choose the student with the higher application overall GPA.
3. Compare the tied students' Nursing Program Core Required Course GPA and choose the student with the higher Nursing Program Core Required Course GPA.

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Knowledge and competencies developed in courses that fulfill the requirements for Anatomy, Human Physiology, Finite Math, Microbiology, and Statistics are considered to be time limited for individuals pursuing an undergraduate degree in nursing. If any of these courses were taken no more than seven years prior to the beginning of nursing courses to the nursing undergraduate degree, the applicant must validate the related knowledge and competencies through testing, portfolio, or repeating the course to be eligible for admission and progression.

Failure of required non-math or non-science courses prior to seven years before application, does not count in the number of repeated courses.

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Students will be admitted to the baccalaureate nursing degree program for a specific semester and are expected to enter the program that semester. Students must formally accept or decline admission by the deadline indicated in the provisional acceptance letter. Students who do not accept admission by the deadline are considered to have declined and the offer of admission is null.

Students who have received an offer of admission will need to submit documentation of the following requirements prior to beginning in the nursing degree program:

1. Required immunizations
2. Proof of health insurance
3. CPR training
4. National criminal background check: our clinical partners have requirements about who may participate in clinical rotations, therefore applicants with positive criminal background checks will be reviewed to determine eligibility for participation in the program.
5. Drug Screen – Our clinical partners have requirements about who may participate in clinical rotations. Therefore, applicants with positive drug screens will be reviewed to determine eligibility for participation in the program.

If the requirements are not met, the offer of admission will be rescinded.

Applicants who are offered admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program but then fail a required course in the interim between an initial offer of admission and program entry will still be eligible to begin the first semester in the School of Nursing. Students must successfully complete the required course in the semester in which the course appears in the admitted student's plan of study.

The Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology courses must include in-person lab sections. Labs may not be taken online.

#### Social Security Number Requirement:

Most health care facilities which provide clinical training space to the IU School of Nursing require that participating students have a Social Security Number to be granted a computer ID and password to access patient records and other information. Therefore, to be eligible for admission to the BSN program, students must have a valid Social Security number. There are no exceptions or exemptions

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If denied admission, the applicant may reapply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in a subsequent semester if eligibility is maintained. The applicant is not automatically considered; the student must re-submit an application.

Students will be admitted to the baccalaureate nursing degree program for a specific semester and are expected to enter the program that semester. Students not entering that specific semester must reapply for a subsequent semester on a competitive basis. Students will not be

considered for further admission if they have declined an admission offer two times.

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If students have extenuating circumstances, students may request an exemption to the admission policy criteria through the APG committee. Students are permitted to submit an appeal to this committee a maximum of two times for admission requirements.

sis. Students will not be considered for further admission if they have declined an admission offer two times.

*Please refer to School of Nursing Policy AFS-15*

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## BSN Honors Study Option

### BSN Honors Study Option

The IU School of Nursing partners with the IU Indianapolis Honors College to offer exceptionally talented BSN traditional track students the opportunity to participate in the BSN honors program. You will gain hands-on experience in research, develop leadership skills, work with nursing research leaders, and connect with a faculty mentor. Your participation in this program prepares you for graduate study and participation in healthcare research. Students admitted to the IU Indianapolis Honors College prior to School of Nursing admission who meet minimum GPA requirements are eligible for the BSN honors program.

Why pursue the nursing honors program? You will:

- Gain an introduction and exposure to the field of research
- Discover the importance of research to the discipline and practice of nursing
- Partner with faculty research mentors and participate in research teams
- Prepare and present a research poster and/or presentation
- Submit results from the study for publication

### IUSON Honors Program Study Requirements

For a copy of the latest IU School of Nursing Honors Program curriculum please contact the School of Nursing Center for Academic Affairs at 317-274-2806, or visit us in Nursing Building room 122.

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## BSN School Requirements

### BSN School Requirements

There are three distinct tracks in the BSN Program; the BSN Traditional Track, the BSN Accelerated Second Degree Track, and the RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option. Students in each track must complete the same program learning outcomes and requirements which are addressed in a curriculum plan that is planned to meet the learner's needs. The BSN curriculum is subject to continuous evaluation and revision. If curriculum changes occur, updated information can be obtained from the academic counselor.

The BSN Traditional Track has been designed for students with no prior RN license or academic degree

beginning their academic studies on the IUSON core campus (IU Bloomington, IU Fort Wayne and IU Indianapolis campuses). This track requires a minimum of four academic years to complete. Students in the Accelerated Second Degree Track complete four semesters of continuous study, and use a curriculum modified for second degree learners. Students in the RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option complete a plan of study designed for maximum flexibility, and can complete the degree in a part time or full time timeline, with most students completing the degree in 12 to 24 months.

The following is an example of a full-time plan of study for the BSN Traditional track. Each student will work, with the assistance of an academic advisor, to meet specific campus expectations. Students who have already completed courses towards other majors, transfer students, part-time students, or students required to enroll in preparatory coursework may take longer than four years to finish the BSN degree.

## BSN Traditional Track Sample Curriculum Plan

### Freshman Year

Semester One	Credits
English Composition (W131)	3
Introductory Psychology (PSY B110)	3
Finite Math (MATH M118)	3
Human Anatomy (BIOL N261)	5
First Year Seminar	1
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
Semester Two	Credits
Human Physiology (BIOL N217)	5
Arts & Humanities	3
Fundamentals of Speech (COMM R110)	3
Introductory Sociology (SOC 3 R100)	
Cultural Understanding	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>17</b>

### Sophomore Year

Semester Three	Credits
Life & Physical Science	3
Health Assessment (NURS B244/245)	5
Promoting Healthy Populations (NURS B234/235)	5
Professionalism in Collaborative Practice (NURS B253)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
Semester Four	Credits
Microbiology (MICR J210 or BIOL N251)*	4

Fundamentals of Nursing Practice (NURS B260)	5
Pathophysiology & Pharmacology for Nursing (NURS B261)	4
Health Care Delivery Systems (NURS L230)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

*\*Microbiology must be completed with a C grade or higher before progressing to Semester Five.*

*\*BIOL N251 is 3 credits and would require a student to add 1 additional credit of open elective prior to graduation.*

### Junior Year

Semester Five	Credits
Data Analysis in Clinical Practice and Health-Care Research (NURS H355)	3
Clinical Care I: Biophysical Processes (NURS H356)	5
Transitional Care of Families & Populations (NURS B334)	5
Open Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>
Semester Six	Credits
Clinical Care II: Interactive Processes (NURS H360)	5
Clinical Care III: Adaptive Processes (NURS H371)	5
Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice (NURS R375)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13</b>

### Senior Year

Semester Seven	Credits
Clinical Care IV: Complex Processes (NURS H476)	5
Leadership in Healthcare Delivery & Policy (NURS L430)	5
Pediatric Clinical Care (NURS H303)	1
Open Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>
Semester Eight	Credits
Nursing Synthesis (NURS S488)	2
Nursing Practice Capstone (NURS S483)	3
Healthcare Ethics (NURS S474)	3
Nursing Intensive: Managing Health & Illness Across Care Environments (NURS B444)	5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13</b>

### BSN Traditional Track Total Credit Hours 120

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## Program Learning Outcomes; Applicable to all BSN students

### Program Learning Outcomes; applicable to all BSN students

As a graduate of the BSN program you will be:

1. A critical thinker who demonstrates intellectual engagement and uses evidence as a basis for clinical reasoning and decision making.
2. A culturally sensitive individual who provides holistic, individual, family, community, and population-centered nursing care.
3. A knowledgeable care coordinator who facilitates access to resources across the continuum of healthcare environments in order to meet the evolving health care needs of individuals, families, communities, and populations.
4. An individual who understands and considers the impact of healthcare policy, finance, and regulatory environments on care delivery.
5. An individual who embodies the professional identity of the nurse and who translates the inherent values of the nursing profession into the ethical and legal practice of nursing.
6. An effective communicator who collaborates with inter professional team members, patients, and their support systems for improved health outcomes.
7. A competent care provider who is prepared to practice to the full capacity of the professional nurse role in diverse healthcare environments.
8. An accountable leader and manager who applies principles of systems and organizational processes and balances resources to promote quality care and patient safety.
9. An individual who embraces and employs innovations in information management and technology in the delivery of quality patient care.

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## RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option

### RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option

The RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option is designed for the working RN who has earned a two-year associate degree or diploma in nursing and is busy with career and family responsibilities but wants to be prepared to meet the future challenges of health care by completing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

All nine Indiana University School of Nursing campuses across the state of Indiana collaboratively created the RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option. What does that mean for you?



- Nursing courses are distance accessible, using web-based and video technologies so that you don't have to come to campus.
- Earn your BSN where you live, in the midst of a busy schedule.
- The program is flexible: once you complete general education coursework, you can complete nursing courses in 12 months of full-time study or 18–24 months of part-time study.
- Nursing courses are delivered in condensed, six- or eight-week learning modules.
- Tailored clinical experiences where you work.

Because this program builds on the courses you have already completed, you'll also receive credit for many of the general education courses completed as part of your ASN or diploma program.

- RN to BSN Degree Completion Option: Special Credit
- RN to BSN Degree Completion Option: Admission Requirements
- RN to BSN Degree Completion Option: Program Requirements
- RN to BSN Degree Completion Option: Residency Requirements

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## Admission

### Admission

While the Indiana University School of Nursing will accept associate degree or diploma prepared registered nurses from nursing programs that have been nationally or regionally accredited, Indiana University campuses do not allow transfer of general education credits from nationally accredited higher education institutions. Only general education credits from regionally accredited higher education institutions will be accepted to count toward Indiana University degree completion requirements.

For a complete and updated listing of Indiana University Transfer Credit Standards please click [here](#). This page outlines Indiana University standards for the acceptance of transfer credit, including the university policy against the acceptance of transfer credit from nationally accredited institutions. Additional guidance can also be obtained by contacting the University Transfer Office at (317)-274-8000 or [uto@iu.edu](mailto:uto@iu.edu).

Registered nurses seeking admission to the Indiana University School of Nursing apply to IU Online anytime throughout the academic year.

### How to Apply

1. Apply for admission in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. An online application can be obtained at the RN to BSN Website [here](#)
2. Transfer of credit from other colleges or universities is completed at the time of admission to the university by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Transfer credit will be awarded for courses with a minimum grade of C, if courses being transferred are essentially equivalent to required course work. Official transcripts, verifying

previous academic background, are required to complete the transfer process. The Office of Online Education will request a transcript on your behalf.

**To be eligible to apply to the RN to BSN Degree Completion Option, students must meet the following requirements:**

### RN Admission

1. Associate degree or diploma prepared registered nurses who graduated from an accredited nursing program are eligible to apply to the BSN Degree Completion Option and will be accepted if they meet the published admission criteria.
2. To be eligible to apply to the RN to BSN Degree Completion Option the student must:
  1. Have graduated from a nationally or regionally accredited nursing program.
  2. Be admitted to a designated campus as a degree-seeking student
  3. Have a current, unencumbered RN license
  4. Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in the student's prior nursing degree program (the ASN or diploma)
  5. Complete required general education course competencies with a grade of C or above; a grade of C- is not acceptable. Students may attempt a course only twice in order to obtain a grade of C or above to meet the competency requirement.
3. The application for the RN to BSN Degree Completion Option requires the completion of the following:
  1. University application completed through IU Online
  2. Verification of unencumbered RN license
4. Existing School of Nursing policies related to the BSN admission application and degree pertain to RN students pursuing a BSN degree. This includes, but is not limited to, progression and graduation policies. The following exceptions apply:
  1. All but nine general education credits must be completed before enrolling in nursing courses
  2. Nursing courses must be completed within four years
5. Comply with immunization requirements. Failure to meet immunization requirements will prevent participation in practicum experiences.
6. Provide proof of current CPR certification and health insurance coverage
7. Purchase a national criminal background report from the Certified Background Company.

## Special Credit Courses

### Special Credit Courses

Following the successful completion of the first semester of nursing classes, special credit is awarded for the courses listed below. In order to receive a BSN degree, your official transcript must reflect fulfillment of all

requirements, including 34 hours of special credit for these courses:

B261: Pathophysiology & Pharmacology, 4 cr.  
 B260: Fundamentals of Nursing Practice, 5 cr.  
 H356: Biophysical Processes, 5 cr.  
 B334: Transitional Care of Families, 5 cr.  
 H360: Interactive Processes, 5 cr.  
 H371: Adaptive Processes, 5 cr.  
 H476: Complex Processes, 5 cr.

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## RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option Requirements & Sample Curriculum Plan

### RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option Requirements

The minimum requirement for RN to BSN students pursuing the BSN degree is 120 credit hours. Students beginning the required nursing courses must complete all coursework in four years. Failure to register in each sequential semester, excluding summer sessions, constitutes an interruption in the program. Students who reenter must adhere to the policies and curriculum in effect at the time of reentry. Students who interrupt their program of study jeopardize their chances of completing nursing courses in four years.

#### Required coursework

RN to BSN coursework consists of general education and nursing courses. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or above by the second attempt. General education courses completed at other universities may be applicable toward your degree program if credits are accepted by the Office of Admissions or determined to be equivalent by the IUSON. Complete no less than nine required general education courses before enrolling in nursing courses.

#### Plans of Study

Designed to be flexible with your work schedule and busy lifestyle, the RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Option can be pursued by following a full- or part-time plan of study, outlined below. To obtain a program planning sheet tailored to your educational goals, first be admitted to IU Indianapolis, IU Fort Wayne, or IU Bloomington, then contact an IUSON academic advisor.

#### Sample Curriculum Plans

##### Full time study (12 months, or 3 semesters)

<b>Semester One</b>	<b>12 Total Credits</b>
1st or 2nd 8 weeks	B331 Transition to BSN Nursing
	B304 Nursing Seminar 1: Health Policy
2nd 8 weeks	S475 Health of the Community
	H355 Data Analysis
<b>Semester Two</b>	<b>12 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	S474 Health Care Ethics

2nd 8 weeks	R375 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice
	Nursing Practice Elective
	S487 Nursing Management
<b>Semester Three</b>	<b>6 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	B404 Nursing Seminar 2: Informatics
	Nursing Practice Elective
1st or 2nd 8 weeks	R470 Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone

##### Part-time study (18 months, or 4 semesters)

<b>Semester One</b>	<b>9 Total Credits</b>
1st or 2nd 8 weeks	B331 Transition to BSN Nursing
2nd 8 weeks	R375 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice
	H355 Data Analysis
<b>Semester Two</b>	<b>9 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	S474 Healthcare Ethics
2nd 8 weeks	Nursing Practice Elective
	S475 Health of the Community
<b>Semester Three</b>	<b>9 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	B304 Nursing Seminar 1: Health Policy
2nd 8 weeks	Nursing Practice Elective
<b>Semester Four</b>	<b>6 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	S487 Nursing Management
1st or 2nd 8 weeks	B404 Nursing Seminar 2: Informatics
	R470 Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone

##### Part-time study (24 months, or 6 semesters)

<b>Semester One</b>	<b>6 Total Credits</b>
1st or 2nd 8 weeks	B331 Transition to BSN Nursing
2nd 8 weeks	Nursing Practice Elective
<b>Semester Two</b>	<b>6 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	B304 Nursing Seminar 1: Health Policy
2nd 8 weeks	H355 Data Analysis
<b>Semester Three</b>	<b>6 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	S474 Healthcare Ethics
2nd 8 weeks	S475 Health of the Community
<b>Semester Four</b>	<b>6 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	B404 Nursing Seminar 2: Informatics
2nd 8 weeks	S487 Nursing Management
<b>Semester Five</b>	<b>6 Total Credits</b>
1st 8 weeks	Nursing Practice Elective
2nd 8 weeks	R375 Nursing Research

<b>Semester Six</b>	<b>3Total Credits</b>
1st or 2nd 8 weeks	R470 Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone

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## Residency Requirements

### Residency Requirements

Thirty hours of residency credit is required for the BSN degree. This requirement is met by completing 30 hours of nursing courses through Indiana University. Independent study via correspondence courses will not count toward the residency requirement.

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## Degree Programs

### Degree Programs

The baccalaureate program offers a cutting edge, concept and competency based curriculum for the education of professional nurses competent in meeting the current and future healthcare needs of society. The curriculum prepares graduates to function across a continuum of healthcare environments, using evidence-based interventions in the practice of nursing. The curriculum provides a foundation for leadership positions and graduate study.

The BSN program is offered on the IUSON core campus (IU Indianapolis, IU Fort Wayne, and IU Bloomington). Prospective students should acquaint themselves with curriculum requirements, course sequencing, and other degree requirements, along with the requirements for admission to the BSN program on the campus they wish to attend.

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

- BSN Traditional Track
- BSN Accelerated Track
- RN to BSN Option

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## Distinction, Awards & Scholarships

### Distinction & Awards

Students have the opportunity to be recognized for academic excellence both during their program and at graduation. Full-time nursing students will be placed on the Dean's List for each semester in which they earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher. Part-time students are eligible for the Dean's List after the completion of 12 credit hours, and for each semester they have accumulated an additional 12 credit hours of course work with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

BSN candidates who are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement may be selected to graduate with academic distinction. To be eligible, BSN students must have completed a minimum of 60 graded credit hours at IU. Minimum grade point averages used in

determining the category of academic distinction awarded are:

- 3.83-4.00—Highest Distinction
- 3.66-3.82—High Distinction
- 3.50-3.65—Distinction

A GPA used to determine distinction is calculated from all grades in courses up to and including the seventh semester for the BSN taken at IU. The GPA does not include transfer grades, special credit, and open electives, but does include grades received in courses that are repeated because of program stipulations. Not all students who meet the criteria for distinction may be selected for this honor.

### IU School of Nursing Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of alumni and donors the IU School of Nursing is able to administer more than \$700,000 in scholarships annually to aid current IUSON undergraduate and graduate students. Typical scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per student for the academic year. Each award is split equally in two payments to be distributed for fall and spring semesters and applied directly to your IU Student Account. The scholarship application is available only online; read the [eligibility criteria](#) before accessing the online application.

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## Guidance & Counseling

### Guidance & Counseling

Academic advisors are available as a resource for students in the Indiana University School of Nursing. To schedule an appointment with an advisor at IU Indianapolis call 317-274-2806, at IU Fort Wayne call 260-481-6816, and at IU Bloomington call 812-855-1736. Drop in advising is available throughout the week for quick transactional questions that do not require an appointment.

Pre-BSN Traditional Track students are advised to meet with an academic advisor at the [IU Indianapolis Health & Life Sciences Advising Center](#) to help you learn, explore, plan, and transition into Nursing or other health and life sciences fields.

Students may also consult the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) or [here](#), or other local agencies for specialized counseling.

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## Undergraduate Programs

### Philosophy Statement

Faculty members in the BSN program believe that a BSN education prepares students to meet the current and future health needs of society through a comprehensive academic foundation in the sciences and humanities coupled with exceptional professional preparation, preparing students for current and future roles across the continuum of settings for healthcare delivery. Faculty in

the BSN program understand that our students bring a wide range of educational and other experience to the educational setting, and believe that the educational plan should be tailored to the needs of our learners. To achieve this goal, we have developed three tracks within the BSN to meet needs of different learners. Faculties in the BSN program also recognize that learning encompasses knowledge, skill, and affective domains. In each track of the BSN coursework focuses on mastery of conceptual knowledge; demonstration of competencies in nine program outcome areas; and embodiment of exemplary professionalism that includes the values inherent in the profession. Recognizing that BSN graduates will practice in an ever changing healthcare environment, students are prepared to understand healthcare policies and their rapidly changing impact on care delivery. Faculty have planned each track of the BSN to offer a cutting edge and evidence based curriculum to prepare students for careers as professional nurses who are competent care providers, prepared to practice to the full capacity of the professional nurse role in diverse settings and situations. We value diversity and prepare students to provide ethical, holistic, culturally sensitive patient centered care; which may focus on and include acute and chronic care; wellness and illness situations, and considering those diverse patients and clients we serve: individuals across the lifespan; families in different developmental stages; as well as communities, aggregates, and populations. As part of professional nursing in today's complex care environments, nurses must be accountable leaders and managers, as well as knowledgeable care coordinators, engaging as full partners with interprofessional team members. Furthermore, the faculty believes that as professional nurses, BSN graduates must be exceptional communicators, collaborating effectively, and who are able to use and embrace technology and information management systems to achieve high quality, save patient care outcomes.

### **Purpose**

The baccalaureate program offers a curriculum plan designed to meet learner needs while preparing professional nurses competent in meeting the current and future health needs of society. The curriculum prepares graduates to function as practitioners in a variety of settings including acute care, primary care, and community focused care to name a few. The BSN also provides a foundation for leadership positions and graduate study.

The graduate of the BSN program possesses a broad knowledge of the humanities, the biological and social sciences, and nursing. As a BSN graduate, the nurse applies well-developed problem-solving skills in caring for individuals, families, and communities.

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

As a graduate of the BSN program you will be:

- A critical thinker who demonstrates intellectual curiosity and uses evidence as a basis for clinical reasoning and decision making.
- A culturally sensitive individual who promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion across the care continuum.

- A knowledgeable care coordinator who facilitates access to resources across the continuum of healthcare environments in order to meet the evolving healthcare needs of individuals, families, communities, and populations
- An individual who understands and considers the impact of healthcare policy, finance, and regulatory environments on care delivery
- An individual who embodies the professional identity of the nurse and who translates the inherent values of the nursing profession into the ethical and legal practice of nursing
- An effective communicator who collaborates with inter-professional team members, patients, and their support systems for improved health outcomes
- A competent care provider who is prepared to practice to the full capacity of the professional nurse role in diverse health care environments
- An accountable leader and manager who applies principles of systems and organizational processes and balances resources to promote quality care and patient safety
- An individual who embraces and employs innovations in information management and technology in the delivery of quality patient care

The BSN program is offered on the IUSON core campuses (IUB, IUFW and IU Indianapolis). Prospective students should acquaint themselves with curriculum requirements, course sequencing, and other degree requirements, along with the requirements for admission to the BSN program on each campus. Students are responsible for meeting all degree requirements.

- BSN: Academic Standing
- Academic Policies and Procedures
- Degree Requirements
- Honors Study Option
- BSN: School Requirements
- Accelerated Track

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## **Center for Academic Affairs**

### **Center for Academic Affairs**

The mission of the Center for Academic Affairs (CAA) at the Indiana University School of Nursing (IUSON) is to promote and facilitate the success of its students. This mission is implemented through the functions of academic advising, recruitment, admissions, registration, certification, academic record maintenance, academic performance monitoring, orientation programs, diversity, equity, and inclusion, graduation, and student programming. Student services personnel serve as liaisons between students, faculty, and other groups, interpret School of Nursing and University policies and procedures, and advocate for students' rights and responsibilities.

### **Orientation**

Students new to the School of Nursing will receive orientation materials prior to the program start.

### **Advising**

Our Graduate Advisor is available as a resource for students, and may be reached at 317-274-1829 or by



visiting Student Services (room NU 128). Additionally, the Assistant Dean for Student Success and Engagement is available to assist all students. To learn more about the support available through Student Services, please call 317-274-2806 to schedule an appointment.

Students at IU Indianapolis may also consult the [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) at 317-274-2548, for free services and/or referrals to local resources for specialized counseling.

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## How to Apply

### How to Apply

Admission criteria and instructions related to the online application process can be accessed through the [IU School of Nursing website](#). Instructions, applications, and deadlines can be found on our [How to Apply](#) page.

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## DNP Admission

### Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Admission

Admission to the Indiana University School of Nursing [DNP program](#) requires approval by the faculty and is based on the applicant's qualifications as evidenced by the admission criteria and application materials. Acceptance into the DNP program is competitive.

### DNP Program Tracks

- BSN to DNP Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- BSN to DNP Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
- BSN to DNP Family Nurse Practitioner
- BSN to DNP Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- BSN to DNP Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Post-MSN Executive Leadership
- Post-MSN Advanced Clinical

### DNP Admission Criteria

Admission requirements vary based on track. For more information about admission requirements or the DNP program, please contact:

Graduate Admissions

Phone: (317) 278-7078 Email: [nuadmit@iu.edu](mailto:nuadmit@iu.edu)

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## Graduate Admissions

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- Graduate Certificate: Teaching in Nursing
- PhD Program

## MSN Admissions

### MSN Admissions

Admission to the master's program requires approval by the faculty. Admission is based on the composite of qualifications (as evidenced by the application), transcripts, and references. Acceptance into the master's program is competitive.

The criteria that follow must be met to be considered for admission:

1. A Bachelor's degree in Nursing from a program accredited by CCNE or ACEN/NLNAC, or foreign equivalent.
2. A grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent.
3. A current active, unencumbered Indiana or Compact registered professional nurse license.
4. Knowledge, skills, and abilities to use computer technologies to communicate.
5. Applicants who completed their undergraduate nursing degree outside of the United States must demonstrate English proficiency.
6. Some tracks may require RN experience for admission. Please see website for details.

### Admission of Students Not Meeting the Minimum Requirements

Students failing to meet the minimum requirements for admission listed above may be admitted on a case-by-case basis upon the recommendation of the Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee.

### Maintaining Active Status of Admission

Admission is valid only for the enrollment period designated in the admission letter. Deferment of up to one year may be granted upon written request, subject to adjustment of admission status to requirements of the new enrollment period. Applications and transcripts are kept on file for one year only; beyond that period, reapplication is required.

### Time Limitation

All degree requirements must be completed within the five-year period following matriculation. Students must consult with their advisor to request any program plan changes. Additionally, track coordinator approval is required for plan of study changes that impact major coursework or when an exception to prerequisite requirements is requested.

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## PhD Admission

### PhD Admission

Successful applicants will meet the following admission criteria and submit the application materials prior to the application deadline. The application deadline is November 1 of each year, and admitted students will enter the PhD Program the following Summer semester (May).

### PhD Admission Criteria

- Successful completion of a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN), or a BSN and a Masters

of Science in Nursing (MSN) from programs within regionally accredited institutions of higher education.

- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale is required, for the BSN degree and for the MSN if applicable. Similar equivalency will be required for graduates of international programs.
- Applicants to the MSN-PhD track will have successfully completed a 3 credit hour, graduate level statistics course with a grade of B- or higher prior to application.

Application materials should be uploaded to the online application by the application deadline.

For more information about the PhD program or the admission criteria, please contact:

Graduate Admissions

Phone: (317) 278-7078

Email: [nuadmit@iu.edu](mailto:nuadmit@iu.edu)

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## Teaching in Nursing Graduate Certificate

### Teaching in Nursing Graduate Certificate

The School of Nursing offers a Graduate Certificate in Teaching in Nursing. The certificate requires completion of 17 credit hours of prescribed courses and 225 clock hours of practicum. The academic certificate is for students who hold a bachelor's degree or higher in nursing, or who are currently enrolled in a graduate nursing program with the career goal of teaching in an academic setting.

### Admissions Requirements

Admission to the certificate program requires a bachelor's degree or higher in nursing from a CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Appropriate work experience also will be taken into account in making decisions about admission. Students will be required to submit an online application including references, a current resume or CV, proof of Indiana or Compact RN licensure, and official transcripts.

### Minimum Overall GPA

Students will be required to receive a final overall grade point average of 3.0 or better to be awarded the certificate. The minimum grade accepted in any single course is B-.

### Transfer Credits

If students are able to document appropriate graduate coursework at another institution, they can request transfer of a maximum of 3 credits. The faculty members who oversee the program will review all course transfer requests. No undergraduate courses can be applied to the certificate program.

### Maximum Time for Completion

Maximum time for program completion is four years from initial enrollment.

### Required Courses for the Teaching in Nursing Certificate

- T601 Advancing Nursing Education (4 cr.)
- T604 Curriculum in Nursing (3 cr.)
- T618 Evaluation in Nursing (3 cr.)

- T620 Computer Technologies for Nurse Educators (3 cr.)
- T680 Nursing Education Practicum (4 cr.)

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## Post-MSN Certificate Programs

Post-master's graduate certificates are available for each advanced practice (APRN) track for applicants who already hold an MSN degree or higher in nursing.

For information concerning this program of study, email [nuadmit@iu.edu](mailto:nuadmit@iu.edu), or telephone (317) 278-7078, or visit our website [here](http://iu.edu).

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## Master of Science in Nursing

### Master of Science in Nursing

#### Program Learning Outcomes

The goal of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is to prepare graduates for roles in advanced nursing practice as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse educator, or nurse leader. All graduates of the master's degree program (including post-master's and graduate certificate options) are expected to achieve the following program learning outcomes:

**Domain 1 Knowledge for Nursing Practice:** Synthesize knowledge from nursing and related disciplines to inform clinical judgment and innovation in advanced nursing practice.

**Domain 2 Person-Centered Care:** Practice to the full scope of education using effective communication and a systematic approach to coordinate person-centered care, empower advanced decision making, and promote self-care management.

**Domain 3 Population Health:** Improve population health outcomes through partnerships, advocacy, and policies that improve health equity within systems and at local, regional, national, and global levels.

#### Domain 4 Scholarship for the Nursing Discipline:

Advance the science of nursing through ethical scholarship and innovative and evidence-based approaches that advance the profession, improve health, and transform healthcare.

**Domain 5 Quality and Safety:** Apply quality improvement principles to establish a culture of patient, provider, and work environment safety to reduce and mitigate risk, safeguard care delivery, and improve nursing practice outcomes.

**Domain 6 Interprofessional Partnerships:** Facilitate a climate of mutual respect, improved communication, and quality collaboration within interprofessional teams that optimize care delivery.

**Domain 7 Systems-Based Practice:** Lead and respond to changes in complex systems through policy and

coordination of resources for diverse populations in an equitable and fiscally responsible manner.

#### **Domain 8 Informatics and Healthcare Technologies:**

Evaluate and use information and communication technologies and informatics tools integrating best practices, regulatory standards, and ethical, legal, social implications in direct and indirect care roles.

**Domain 9 Professionalism:** Embody the core values and professional identity of nursing by advocating for social justice and integrating ethical, legal, regulatory, and professional standards.

**Domain 10 Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development:** Engages in personal and professional development to promote self-advocacy, resilience, and well-being to expand one's own nursing leadership capacity and contribute to the advancement of the nursing profession.

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### **Curriculum Design**

#### **Curriculum Design**

Minimum completion time for the master's degree program is five semesters; maximum is five years. The pattern and duration for the individual student is determined in consultation with the student's advisor and faculty track coordinator.

All majors include the following areas of study:

#### **Core Courses (12 credits)**

N502 Nursing Theory (3 cr)  
N504 Leadership for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 cr)  
R500 Nursing Research Methods I (3 cr)  
R505 Measurement & Data Analysis (3 cr)

#### **Additional Core Courses for Education and CNS Tracks (10 credits)**

Y515 Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan (3 cr)  
Y612 Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan (3 cr)  
Y625 Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan (4 cr)

#### **Courses in the Nursing Major (17-21 credits)**

Each track includes 17-21 credits of required coursework in the major, including clinical coursework.

#### **Electives (3-6 credits)**

Electives are required for some majors and requirements vary from 3-6 credit hours of elective coursework chosen by the student in consultation with the student's advisor and faculty track coordinator. Electives must be 500-level or above and relevant to the student's program of study.

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### **Degree Requirements**

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Candidates must meet both the general requirements of the master's program in the School of Nursing and the specific requirements of the specialty track.

All candidates for the degree of Master of Science in Nursing must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 42 credit hours of courses. Courses meeting the requirement of advanced nursing practice must be taken in or through the School of Nursing.
2. Remove all conditions, deficiencies, probation, and deferred or incomplete grades.
3. Achieve a 3.0 grade point average by the time the student has completed 42 credit hours of coursework. Credit hours toward the degree are not granted for courses with a grade below B-.
4. Complete all degree requirements within five years of the date the student begins coursework.
5. File intent to graduate forms at least one semester before the final semester of study. A new intent to graduate form must be filed if the graduation date changes. Application forms are online and filed with the recorder for graduate programs. The School of Nursing is not responsible for certification of the degree if the student fails to file the application.
6. Complete the School of Nursing Exit Survey, which is part of the intent to graduate form.

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### **Academic Standing**

#### **Master of Science in Nursing**

##### **Academic Standing**

##### **Good Standing**

A student is in good academic standing when his or her cumulative grade point average is 3.0 or higher.

##### **Disciplinary Probation**

Disciplinary probation is administered under the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct. The faculty reserve the right to request the withdrawal of a student when problems related to personal integrity, health, maturity, or safety in the practice of nursing demonstrate the student's unfitness to continue preparation for professional nursing.

##### **Academic Probation**

A student is placed on academic probation when the cumulative grade point average falls below 3.0 or if he or she earns a C+ or lower in an MSN core course. The probationary status is removed once the student achieves a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and/or successfully passes the failed course on the second attempt. Students who do not regain good academic standing after three semesters of probation will be dismissed from the program.

##### **Maintaining Status**

- Students who do not register for a period of three consecutive semesters will be dismissed from the program.

- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 throughout the duration of the program. Course grades lower than B- will constitute course failure.
- Students must achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for graduation.
- Students who receive a failing course grade in an MSN core course will be placed on academic probation and monitored by the MSN Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee. The student may repeat the failed MSN core course one time.
- Students who receive a failing grade in a track specialty course or in a second core course will be dismissed from the program.
- Students receiving a grade of 'F' in any course will be dismissed from the program.
- If a course must be repeated, the department may specify additional conditions relating to progression in the program until the course is successfully completed.
- Students will remain on academic probation, even after successful completion of a repeated course, until cumulative GPA meets or exceeds 3.0.
- Students who are on academic probation and/or have one or more course Incomplete(s) outstanding cannot enroll in further coursework unless approved by the faculty track coordinator.
- Students who do not complete all degree requirements within a five-year period following initial registration will be dismissed.

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## PhD in Nursing Science Program

### PhD in Nursing Science

Professional nursing is a distinct scientific discipline with a specific body of knowledge obtained through research. The PhD in Nursing Science program builds upon baccalaureate or master's nursing education and emphasizes the use of creativity in the development and formulation of ideas that contribute to nursing science. Through research, analysis, and evaluation, students are empowered to transform knowledge and critical data into viable propositions through effective communication, critical inquiry, and clinical application. As students progress through the PhD program, they are socialized to the value of research and interdisciplinary inquiry. Today's PhD in nursing science scholar is entrusted with shaping and preserving the quality and vitality of professional nursing.

- On-Campus and Distance-Accessible PhD Options
- Focus Areas of Study
- PhD Curriculum
- Opportunities for Postdoctoral Study

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### Curriculum & Program Learning Outcomes PhD in Nursing Science

#### Curriculum

The PhD curriculum consists of 90 total credit hours across six core areas: Professional Development, Nursing

Theory, Nursing Science Research Major, Nursing Science Concentration, the Minor, and Dissertation. MSN-PhD students may transfer up to 30 graduate credit hours from their Master of Science in Nursing degree. BSN-PhD students complete 12 credits of MSN "Bridge" core coursework and an additional 18 credits of graduate level courses, resulting in a 90 credit hour PhD. The 18 graduate credits are selected by the student and their faculty mentor to enhance the student's PhD research focus.

Core	BSN to PhD track	MSN to PhD track
Professional Development Core	6 credits	6 credits
Nursing Theory Core	6 credits	6 credits
Nursing Science Research Major	15 credits	15 credits
Nursing Science Concentration	8 credits	8 credits
Minor, external or internal	9-12 credits	9-12 credits
Dissertation	16 credits	16 credits
MSN "Bridge" core courses	12 credits	0 credits
Additional graduate credits	18 credits	0 credits
Graduate level transfer credits	0 credits	30 credits
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS</b>	<b>90 credits</b>	<b>90 credits</b>

For a complete outline of the courses required for each core, visit the Indiana University School of Nursing [PhD program website](#).

As a PhD graduate, you are well positioned for a successful career as a leader within academic and practice settings to:

- Master and synthesize knowledge from nursing and other disciplines to conduct original research, generate, and disseminate new ideas;
- Critique and integrate perspectives from diverse disciplines in the development of new knowledge for the discipline;
- Assume leadership in the conduct of culturally competent, ethical research and scholarship to improve nursing practice and health outcomes;
- Incorporate the components of scholarship, namely: research, teaching, mentoring, and service within your professional role;
- Prepare the future generation of nurses.

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### Focus Areas of Study w/ Wide Applications PhD in Nursing Science

As a PhD student, you are linked with faculty researchers who provide supportive mentoring throughout your entire PhD program. You can choose to work with faculty experts in **clinical nursing science** or **health systems**.



**Clinical nursing science** concentrates on the interrelationships of health promotion, health behavior, symptom management, and quality of life in acute and chronic illness throughout the lifespan. This focus area includes the prevention and early detection of disease and disability across the continuum of care and the enhancement of the health and well-being for individuals, families, and communities.

**Health systems** operate to create structures and resources that enable individuals and communities to achieve optimal health. This focus area includes health policy and public policy analysis and community-based care coordination.

The School of Nursing faculty conduct research in four distinct areas of research excellence:

[Serious Illness Care](#)

[Quality of Life and Chronic Condition Management](#)

[Health and Community Systems](#)

[Prevention and Health Promotion](#)

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### **On-Campus and Distance-Accessible PhD PhD in Nursing Science**

#### **On-Campus and Distance-Accessible PhD**

The Indiana University School of Nursing PhD Program is delivered both on-campus and via distance-accessible technologies. Our program flexibility offers bachelor's and master's prepared nurses across the country access to our PhD program through the use of in-person or distance-accessible course options, using video conferencing and other emerging technologies to allow students to communicate and participate in synchronous classroom lectures and discussions. This hybrid, distance-accessible program synchronously places you in the classroom with your classmates. You can also choose in-person classes if you prefer to learn in a face-to-face setting. We attempt to schedule required PhD courses across one day each week so that students know in advance which day to plan to be available for class. PhD students will attend two required on-campus, PhD Intensives during the first two years of the PhD program. The PhD Intensives are typically held in early summer of the first two years of the PhD Program and give you the opportunity to network with your student peers and PhD faculty, attend professional development sessions, meet with faculty mentors, and more.

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### **Pre and Postdoctoral Study PhD in Nursing Science**

#### **Pre- and Post-doctoral Study**

Several pre- and post-doctoral training opportunities exist to provide you a continuum of education. These fellowships provide you with opportunities to conduct research alongside mentors in your chosen area of focus. Our goal is to help you reach your career goals in the healthcare profession and prepare you to meet the lifelong challenges and possibilities you will face as nurse

researchers. More information about current opportunities is available at the IU School of Nursing [Pre- and Post-doctoral Training](#) web page.

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## **Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) DNP Learning Outcomes**

Graduates of the program are expected to:

**Domain 1 Knowledge for Nursing Practice:** Synthesize knowledge from nursing and related disciplines to inform clinical judgment and innovation in advanced nursing practice.

**Domain 2 Person-Centered Care:** Practice to the full scope of education using effective communication and a systematic approach to coordinate person-centered care, empower advanced decision making, and promote self-care management.

**Domain 3 Population Health:** Improve population health outcomes through partnerships, advocacy, and policies that improve health equity within systems and at local, regional, national, and global levels.

**Domain 4 Scholarship for the Nursing Discipline:** Advance the science of nursing through ethical scholarship and innovative and evidence-based approaches that advance the profession, improve health, and transform healthcare.

**Domain 5 Quality and Safety:** Apply quality improvement principles to establish a culture of patient, provider, and work environment safety to reduce and mitigate risk, safeguard care delivery, and improve nursing practice outcomes.

**Domain 6 Interprofessional Partnerships:** Facilitate a climate of mutual respect, improved communication, and quality collaboration within interprofessional teams that optimize care delivery.

**Domain 7 Systems-Based Practice:** Lead and respond to changes in complex systems through policy and coordination of resources for diverse populations in an equitable and fiscally responsible manner.

**Domain 8 Informatics and Healthcare Technologies:** Evaluate and use information and communication technologies and informatics tools integrating best practices, regulatory standards, and ethical, legal, social implications in direct and indirect care roles.

**Domain 9 Professionalism:** Embody the core values and professional identity of nursing by advocating for social justice and integrating ethical, legal, regulatory, and professional standards.

**Domain 10 Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development:** Engages in personal and professional development to promote self-advocacy, resilience, and well-being to expand one's own nursing leadership capacity and contribute to the advancement of the nursing profession.

## DNP Degree Requirements

The BSN to DNP requires 66 credit hours with a combination of core didactic courses, project synthesis courses, and clinical track specialty courses. 1,005 clock hours of clinical are required.

The Post-MSN DNP requires a minimum of 38 credit hours and 1,000 clock hours of clinical. Up to 475 clinical hours may be transferred in from the MSN degree.

## DNP Curriculum

### BSN-DNP Nurse Practitioner Tracks (66)

#### Core Courses (34)

NURS-D 604 Foundations of DNP Studies (3)

NURS-D 615 Performance Improvement & Patient Safety in Health Systems (3)

NURS-D 735 Application of Biostatistics & Epidemiology in Advanced Nursing Practice (3)

NURS-D 635 Population Health Surveillance & Management (3)

NURS-D 710 Analytical Thinking for Evidence-Based Practice (3)

NURS-D XXX Clinical Informatics (3)

NURS-D 743 Trans-disciplinary Approaches to Influencing Public Health Policy (3)

NURS-D 748 Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (3)

NURS-Y 623 Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan (3)

NURS-Y 625 Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan (4)

NURS-Y 627 Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan (3)

#### DNP Project Courses (7)

DNP Project Synthesis (4)

DNP Project Practicum (3)

#### NP Specialty Courses (25)

Specialty Didactic Courses (12)

Specialty Practicum Courses (10)

DNP Synthesis IV: Transition to Practice (3)

### Post-MSN DNP Tracks (38)

#### Core Courses (18)

NURS-D 604 Foundations of DNP Studies (3)

NURS-D 615 Performance Improvement & Patient Safety in Health Systems (3)

NURS-D 710 Analytical Thinking for Evidence-Based Practice (3)

NURS-D XXX Clinical Informatics (3)

NURS-D 743 Trans-disciplinary Approaches to Influencing Public Health Policy (3)

NURS-D 748 Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (3)

#### DNP Project Courses (7)

DNP Project Synthesis (4)

DNP Project Practicum (3)

#### Executive Leadership Track Courses (13)

NURS-D 650 Data Analysis for Admin & Clinical Decision Making (3)

NURS-D 744 Strategic Resource Leadership (3)

NURS-D 721 Advanced Leadership in Complex Systems (3)

DNP Specialty Practicum Courses (4)

#### Advanced Clinical Track Courses (13)

NURS-D 735 Application of Biostatistics & Epidemiology in Advanced Nursing Practice (3)

NURS-D 635 Population Health Surveillance & Management (3)

NURS-D 721 Advanced Leadership in Complex Systems (3)

DNP Specialty Practicum Courses (4)

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## Degree Programs

The IU School of Nursing offers the following graduate degrees:

- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science (PhD)

The School of Nursing also offers the following certificate programs:

- Teaching in Nursing Graduate Certificate
- Post-Graduate Certificate Option in All NP and CNS Tracks

For information concerning these programs of study, write Graduate Programs, Indiana University School of Nursing, 600 Barnhill Drive, NU 128, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5107; or telephone (317) 274-2806 or click here [here](#).

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program, the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing Science, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs are offered through the Indianapolis campus. Selected courses for all programs are offered through Internet-based technologies that support student access.

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## Graduate Certificates

### Student Learning Outcomes

#### Teaching in Nursing Graduate Certificate

All participants who complete the Teaching in Nursing graduate certificate program are expected to achieve the following student learning outcomes:

1. Facilitate learning effectively
2. Facilitate learner development and socialization
3. Use assessment and evaluation strategies
4. Participate in curriculum design and evaluation of program outcomes
5. Function as a change agent and leader
6. Pursue continuous quality improvement in the Nurse Educator role
7. Engage in scholarship
8. Function within the educational environment

## Doctoral Programs

### Student Learning Outcomes

#### Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice curriculum is built on Program Learning Outcomes that will advance knowledge, skills, and abilities as you progress through the DNP program. Graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program are expected to:

- Use executive leadership knowledge and skills to advance population health, enhance safety and quality, and disseminate new knowledge in complex systems
- Create value through novel practice change, translation of evidence, appropriation of resources, and performance improvement.
- Synthesize multiple sources of information to transform clinical practice and design sustainable new models of care and/or care delivery systems
- Advocate for diverse patient, family, and community health by actively engaging in design, implementation, and evaluation of health policy at multiple levels
- Integrate ethical obligations, legal and regulatory recommendations, professional standards, practice guidelines, and professional accountability in own practice
- Apply interprofessional collaborative relationships to promote cultures of inclusion, inquiry, professional governance, and ongoing partnership

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science (PhD)

As a PhD graduate you are well positioned for a successful career as a leader within academic and practice settings. Graduates of the program are expected to:

- Synthesize knowledge from nursing as well as biological and behavioral sciences to investigate health phenomena.
- Utilize analytical and empirical methods to extend nursing knowledge and scholarship.
- Conduct and communicate independent research that advances the body of scientific knowledge.

- Defend the social significance of the expanded knowledge base of nursing.
- Interpret nursing science within an inter-disciplinary context.

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## Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

### Student Learning Outcomes

#### Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

The goal of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is to prepare graduates for leadership roles in advanced nursing practice - those of clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, nurse educator, and nurse administrator. Students select one of 8 major areas of study when they apply for admission. Post-graduate study options are available in all nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist majors. All graduates of the of the MSN program, including the post-graduate option, will achieve the following student learning outcomes:

1. Lead nursing and healthcare teams to improve practice within complex systems, recognizing political, institutional, social, and economic forces.
2. Practice at the highest level of nursing, integrating ethical, legal, professional, and regulatory standards and guidelines.
3. Synthesize knowledge from nursing and related sciences for application to selected domains of nursing practice.
4. Demonstrate intellectual curiosity and scholarly inquiry in the pursuit of innovative approaches to improving health outcomes.
5. Apply evidence to problem solving at the clinical and system level to advance nursing practice and improve outcomes.
6. Use technology to deliver, measure, monitor, and improve clinical care delivery and enhance safe outcomes.
7. Engage in policy analysis, development, and advocacy to influence health at the individual, group, community, and population level.
8. Practice in interprofessional teams that communicate, collaborate, and consult in coordinating patient-centered care.
9. Incorporate the influences of culture, diversity, values, and globalization in the design, delivery, and evaluation of nursing and healthcare services.
10. Recognize the value of being a lifelong learner who is committed to personal professional growth, the development of the profession, and the health of the public.

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## Student Learning Outcomes

- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science (PhD)
- Master of Science in Nursing and Post-Graduate Certificate Option (MSN/Post-MSN)
- Teaching in Nursing Certificate

## Contact Information

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#### Graduate Programs

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## Financial Information

### Graduate Financial Information

There are a number of different options to help students fund their graduate studies at the IU School of Nursing. Students are encouraged to consider all resources to help make their education as affordable as possible.

For general information about the financial aid process, applying for federal financial aid, grants, and loans, please visit the IU Indianapolis [Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships](#).

Funding is also available through the university and the [IU School of Nursing](#). Visit the [IU Indianapolis Graduate Office](#) for information about institutional awards.

Information about current tuition and fee rates can be obtained from the IU Indianapolis [Office of the Bursar](#).

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## Graduate Programs

### Graduate

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## Courses

All courses are preceded by the abbreviation "NURS." The number of credit hours is indicated in parentheses following the course title. The abbreviation "P" refers to the course's prerequisite(s); "C" refers to corequisite(s).