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ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Indiana University - Bloomington Campus

The IU School of Nursing (IUSON) in Bloomington offers a 4 year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree which prepares students to assess, develop, plan, implement and evaluate plans of care for individuals, families and communities. Nurses care for patients’ physical, emotional, psychological, intellectual, social and spiritual needs. Therefore, the BSN curriculum at IU Bloomington (IUB) prepares nursing students by emphasizing social and biological science courses in addition to the hands-on clinical courses.

To become a licensed Registered Nurse, students must complete the degree requirements of an accredited BSN program and satisfactorily complete the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). The NCLEX is administered by the National Council on State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) following graduation. Students must also have a Social Security number in order to become a licensed registered nurse in the State of Indiana.

APPLYING TO THE IUB SCHOOL OF NURSING
To apply to the IUB School of Nursing, a student will first need to be admitted to IUB. For information regarding admission to IU Bloomington, contact the Office of Admissions (see contact information in the sidebar).

The IUB School of Nursing admits 60 students each fall semester. After a student is admitted, the nursing curriculum takes six semesters to complete – and all of the coursework is completed on the Bloomington campus. The BSN degree is comprised of 45 credit hours of general education/pre-nursing courses and 75 credit hours of Nursing courses.

The nursing application is available online (January 15 to March 15) and final admission decisions are made after the spring semester classes have concluded. To apply to the School of Nursing, students must complete 29-31 credit hours (approximately 1 year) of pre-requisite coursework. Freshman students may be eligible to apply during the spring semester of their freshman year.

ADMISSION CRITERIA for the IU School of Nursing 3 Core Campuses

- To be eligible to apply to the IUSON, students need to meet a minimum IU cumulative GPA of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application.

- Students must take six required courses (approximately 20 credit hours) and 2-4 IUB General Education courses (approximately 9-11 credit hours).

The six required courses are:

- **Human Anatomy** (5 credits)
- **Finite Math** (or a 200 level Calculus course) (3-4 credits)
- **Critical/Analytical/Science (or IUB GenEd N&M) course** (3-5 credits)
- **Elementary Composition** (3 credits)
- **Introduction to Psychology** (3 credits)
- **Introductory Sociology** (3 credits)
The six required courses plus the 2-4 IUB General Education courses total 29-31 credit hours and are calculated to determine a nursing application GPA (NGPA). Students need a minimum NGPA of 3.0 at the time they apply. Students must have a minimum grade of C in all required and general education pre-requisite courses.

Additional Application Requirements:

- **STUDENT DISCLOSURE FORM:** As part of the application, students will also be required to complete a Student Disclosure Form to disclose any issues that would be documented on a National Criminal Background Check. National Criminal Background checks are required annually for all admitted nursing students. Students with pending charges or are currently in a pre-trial diversion program are ineligible until all conditions have been resolved. Students with more than one offense (including drinking tickets) may be ineligible to apply and students with an offense, such as theft, are disqualified from applying for 5 years. Please contact a nursing advisor if you have any questions.

- **TEAS V TEST:** Students must also complete a pre-admission TEAS V exam. ATI Testing ([https://www.atitesting.com/home.aspx](https://www.atitesting.com/home.aspx)) provides this 209 minute, 170 question exam which is taken online in a computer testing center on the Bloomington campus. The areas tested are: Reading, English and Language Usage, Mathematics and Science. Nurse educators feel that this test is the most appropriate and relevant test to measure entry level academic readiness for nursing programs. The TEAS V test must be taken prior to the nursing application deadline (March 15). **It is VERY important that students contact a nursing advisor BEFORE setting up the ATI account because there are specific instructions necessary for setting up the account correctly.**

It is strongly recommended that all students investigate the profession of nursing before making the decision to apply to the IUSON. The best options are to shadow and interview nurses, volunteer in a healthcare facility, have an internship opportunity or participate in a health occupations course, but online research, through websites such as [www.discovernursing.com](http://www.discovernursing.com), the Occupational Outlook Handbook, [www.jobshadow.com](http://www.jobshadow.com) and [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org) will also help students understand the demands and rewards of a career in nursing.

The admission criteria are subject to change. Meeting IUSON admission criteria does not guarantee admission. Admission to the program depends on the number of spaces available and IUSON and University resources.

**Special note to Incoming Freshman:** Prior to beginning fall classes, students will attend a New Student Orientation in the summer. The Office of First Year Experience Programs will provide students information about registering for Orientation. To prepare for the advising session during Orientation, students will need to read and follow the information found on the University Division First Steps website [http://ud.iub.edu/first-steps/index.shtml](http://ud.iub.edu/first-steps/index.shtml). Students should also read the Nursing section on the First Steps website before they attend Orientation. On this website, interested pre-nursing students will find specific information about registering for fall courses which are required for the nursing application.
Students may take Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses in high school or may earn special IUB departmental credit (through examinations). The AP/IB Articulation Chart is on the Office of Admissions webpage: http://admissions.indiana.edu/apply/freshman/ap.html. Up to two non-graded courses may be used on the nursing application. Please consult with a nursing advisor for more information. Dual Credit (ACP) courses may also be used for the nursing application. To determine how Dual Credit courses articulate to IUB, click on the IUB’s Credit Transfer Service database http://cts.admissions.indiana.edu/ and/or the statewide Indiana Core Transfer Library http://www.transferin.net/College-Students/CTL.aspx.

TRANSFERRING TO IU’s SCHOOL OF NURSING
The four-year BSN can be completed at any of the IU campuses, including the Bloomington campus. However, the IUB, IUPUI and IUPUC programs comprise an administrative unit known as the “Core” and the admission requirements for these 3 campuses are the same. Students completing the majority of their pre-requisites on the Bloomington, Indianapolis or Columbus campuses will be given priority for admission to the Core schools. The admission requirements for the other regional campuses vary from the Core and inquiries about acceptance to other IU campuses should be directed to those campuses.

For students transferring to IUB with coursework from other colleges or universities, applicants for admission to the nursing programs at IUB/IUPUI and IUPUC are placed into one of these three categories:

**Category A – CORE CAMPUS APPLICANTS - IUB (Bloomington), IUPUI (Indianapolis) and IUPUC (Columbus):** IU students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing credit hours listed on their application from the IU Nursing Core campuses (IUB, IUPUI and IUPUC).

**Category B – INTERCAMPUS TRANSFERS:** Students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing credit hours on an IU campus other than IUB, IUPUI or IUPUC, but transfer to IUB, IUPUI or IUPUC to apply for the nursing major.

**Category C – NON-IU STUDENT TRANSFERS:** Students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing credit hours outside the IU educational system and want to complete their nursing major at IUB, IUPUI or IUPUC.

Priority for admission will be given to all qualified applicants in Category A before considering qualified applicants from Category B and Category C. In recent years all available spots in the nursing program on the IUB and IUPUI campuses have been filled by Category A applicants. It is strongly recommended that transfer students meet with a nursing advisor prior to transferring to IUB. All students – including transfer students - must have an established IU cumulative GPA of 2.7 at the time of application to the School of Nursing.

**NURSING and PRE-NURSING SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**
The School of Nursing offers nursing and pre-nursing scholarships available online in January (with a March deadline). For more information, see the IUPUI SON webpage: http://nursing.iu.edu/undergraduate/tuition-aid/index.shtml. All students must complete the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form by the March deadline to be eligible to apply. Some scholarships are nontransferable and financial aid does not automatically transfer from one IU campus to another. If a student is considering transferring to IUB or from IUB to another campus, please contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance to determine if the scholarship or financial aid will transfer.
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Map (IUB)  
(subject to change)
45 credits hours General Education, 75 credit hours Nursing core courses

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| Pre-Nursing  
29-31 credits  
(pre-requisite courses are interchangeable between semesters) | **English Composition Course (3 cr.)**  
**Finite Math or 200 level Calculus Course (3 - 4 cr.)**  
**Introductory Sociology (3 cr.)**  
IUB GenEd Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.)  
IUB GenEd Social & Historical Studies Course (3 cr.) |       | **Introductory Psychology (3 cr.)**  
**ANAT- A 215 - Human Anatomy (5 cr.)**  
**Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster Course (3 -5 cr.)**  
IUB GenEd World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.)  
**Required Courses for Nursing Application** |       |
| Nursing Curriculum  
Semester 3 & 4  
Clinical: 8-15 hrs/week | PHSL- P 215 – Human Physiology (5 cr.)  
NURS-B 234 – Promoting Healthy Populations (3 cr.)  
NURS-B 235 – Healthy Populations Practicum (2 cr.)  
NURS-B 244/B245 – Comprehensive Health Assessment with lab Practicum (4 cr. total)  
NURS-B 253 – Professionalism in Collaborative Practice (IPE) – (3 cr.) | Total of 15 credit hours | BIOL-M 200 & BIOL-M 215 - Microbiology Lecture/Lab (4 cr. total)  
NURS-B 260 – Nursing Fundamentals with practicum (5 cr.)  
NURS-B 261 – Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Nursing Practice (4 cr.)  
NURS-L 230 – Health Care Delivery Systems (3 cr.) | Total of 14 credit hours |
| Nursing Curriculum  
Semester 5 & 6  
Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week | NURS-H 355 – Data Analysis for Practice and Research (3 cr.)  
NURS-H 356 – Biophysical Processes with practicum (5 cr.)  
NURS-H 360 – Interactive Processes with practicum (5 cr.)  
IUB GenEd World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.) | Total of 16 credit hours | NURS-B 334 – Transitional Care of Families and Populations with practicum (5 cr.)  
NURS-H 371 – Adaptive Processes with practicum (5 cr.)  
NURS-R 375 – Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice (3 cr.) | Total of 13 credit hours |
| Nursing Curriculum  
Semester 7 & 8  
Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week | NURS-L 430 – Leadership in Healthcare Delivery and Policy with practicum (5 cr.)  
NURS-S 474 – Applied Healthcare Ethics (3 cr.)  
NURS-H 476 – Complex Processes with practicum (5 cr.)  
IUB GenEd Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.) | Total of 16 credit hours | NURS-B 444 Managing Health and Illness Across Care Environments with Practicum (4 cr.)  
NURS-B 453 – Inter-Professional Practice with practicum (1 cr. lecture & 2 cr. practicum)  
NURS-S 483-Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone (3 cr.)  
NURS-S 488 – Nursing Synthesis (2 cr.)  
Elective (1 cr.) | Total of 13 credit hours |
Admission Criteria – Fall 2016 (IUB, IUPUI, IUPUC)

Science GPA (50% of admission score)

- **Anatomy** – (R = required) (5 credits) – an in-person lab is required (ANAT-A 215)
- **Finite Math or Calculus** - R (3-4 credits) – (MATH M118, S118, V118 – “Finite Math for Soc. & Biol. Sciences” and “Finite Math in Action” accepted topics only, D116/117, M211 or M213)
- **Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster or IUB GenEd N&M Science course** - R (3-5 cr.)

General Education GPA (30% of admission score)

- **English Composition** - R (3 cr.) – (ENG-W 131, ENG-W 170 or CMLT-C 110)
- **Introduction to Psychology** - R (3 cr.) – PSY-P 101, P102, P106 or P155)
- **Introduction to Sociology** - R (3 cr.) – (SOC-S 100, S101 or S230)

Remaining courses selected from the following IUB GenEd requirements to total 29-31 credits:
- IUB GenEd Social & Historical Studies requirement (1 course max)
- IUB GenEd World Languages or World Cultures requirement (2 courses max) and/or
- IUB GenEd Arts & Humanities requirement (2 courses max)

Pre Admission TEAS V Test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) (20% of admission score)

- Exam scores will be valid for 2 (two) years from the date of the test
- Score must be submitted to School of Nursing 1 week prior to application deadline
- The student may take this exam no more than two times in the past two years, and if the student has taken the exam more than twice in the past two years, only the first 2 score sets will be considered. If the exam has been taken more than one time, the most recent composite score will be in consideration for admission if the student has met minimum standard.

Other Criteria

- Nursing GPA (all courses listed on the nursing application) – must be at least a 3.0 at the time of application (March 15, 2016).
- Courses determining the Nursing GPA, Science GPA and GenEd GPA may include (in addition to IUB/IUPUI graded courses); ACP (dual credit) grades awarded by IU or other universities, Advanced Placement or special departmental/test credits, and transferred course grades.
- Two Advanced Placement or special departmental credit courses may be able to be used on the nursing application (one course may be used toward the Science GPA and one course may be used toward the General Education GPA) for a total of 6 credit hours.
- Up to 49% of transfer credit hours (which include non-IUB/IUPUI awarded ACP grades) may be used on the application; these grades are included in the Nursing, Science & GenEd GPAs.
- IU Cumulative GPA - must be at least 2.7 at the time of application to Nursing (March 15, 2016).
- A maximum of two attempts for any required course (R) is allowed for a course which has been failed. The grade used on the second attempt will be used to calculate the GPAs for admission purposes. A grade of C or higher must be attained for each course by the second completed attempt. This includes grades earned in PHSL-P 215 and BIOL-M 200/215. Required (R) courses taken as ACP or transferred from other schools will be considered for the nursing application and will count as a first attempt.
- Required Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology and Math courses must be less than 7 years old at the time of admission and the 3 required Science courses must have in-person labs.
- Undistributed credit may be used to satisfy requirements for the Critical/Analytical/Science cluster or elective credit only.
- Students must complete an online Student Disclosure of Criminal Conviction and Pending Criminal Charges Form as part of the online nursing application. It is due by the application deadline.
- Students must attend a School of Nursing Mandatory Application Information Session prior to making application to the School of Nursing.
ADMISSION TO NURSING FAQ’s

**Is it harder to get into IUB than it is IUPUI?** Not necessarily. Although Bloomington has fewer spaces than IUPUI, the difficulty of gaining admission to either campus depends entirely on the number of applicants, the total ranking of all criteria for each of the applicants, and how the applicants rank their campus preferences.

**What can a student do to improve their chances of admission?** Students should concentrate on the courses in which they are currently enrolled. Grades from these classes will count in the final admission decisions and students should make the most of this opportunity. It is also important to shadow nurses and research the nursing profession through volunteer work, employment or internships.

**What can a student do if they are not admitted?** All students are encouraged to think about a contingency plan - and every student’s plan is different. Students may apply again during a future admission cycle (spring semesters at IUPUI or fall semesters at any Core campus). In the meantime however, students will want to have an alternate major or other nursing program that they are taking classes for, or are working toward, so that they will be on track to graduate in a timely manner. It is recommended that students consult a nursing advisor to explore other nursing options.

The Career Development Center is a great place to start learning about other careers or majors and freshman students are encouraged to drop in for a walk-in advising appointment. The Health Professions and Prelaw Center website at IUB is also an excellent resource for students considering other health care majors offered at IUB. See the "Health Professions Descriptions" pdf and also their Other Health-Related Majors and Programs at IU information for ideas of other majors at IUB. For example, the School of Public Health – Bloomington offers many health-care related majors and its website has easy to find information about their undergraduate degree options.

**Is this a good major for a student who wants to go to Medical School?** No! The Bachelors of Science in Nursing is a pre-licensure program that prepares students to become licensed registered nurses. The types of courses that a student needs for most medical schools are not needed for the nursing application or major. In addition, there is no time in a nursing student’s schedule to take the required chemistry, biology and physics courses that are typical admissions courses for medical school.

**Can I study abroad and be a nursing student?** Yes, but admitted nursing students would need to plan their study abroad semester for the summer only. For more information, contact the Office of Overseas Study [http://overseas.iu.edu/](http://overseas.iu.edu/).

**Is there a preferred residence hall for pre-nursing students?** No. There is no residence hall that works best for freshmen who are interested in nursing. The pre-requisite courses are all over campus! However, there may be residential academic villages or learning communities available that appeal to pre-nursing students, such as a Fitness and Wellness Living Learning Center or a Health Sciences Thematic Community. For current information, see the Residential Programs and Services website [http://www.rps.indiana.edu/lclist.cfm](http://www.rps.indiana.edu/lclist.cfm). Also be sure to read through the “A-Z Guide to Residence Hall Living” under the Current Students tab for more information.

**Are there any mandatory meetings I need to attend?** Freshman attend a Mandatory Application Information Meeting (in September) prior to making application to the School of Nursing. Admitted nursing students attend a mandatory School of Nursing orientation. This orientation is an all-day orientation, held the Friday in August before Semester 3 (the first semester in the Nursing curriculum) begins.