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Pre-Licensure BSN Handbook

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Advance the Science of Nursing Education (2012-2016)
Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty (2012-2017)

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Indiana University School of Nursing
Vision, Mission, Strategic Goals and Core Values

Vision
Indiana University School of Nursing (IUSON) is leading with excellence in research and education powered by innovation and partnerships.

Mission
The IUSON exists to lead the “knowledge work” of nurses of today and tomorrow to positively influence the health of communities served by: inspiring learning through excellence in teaching; creating and advancing knowledge through science and research; shaping care through practice innovations and partnerships; and appreciating, developing and recognizing faculty, staff and students.

IUSON Strategic Goals
- Advance IUSON’s reputation as a national leader in educational research, evidence-based educational practices, and progressive educational programs. (Teaching Excellence)
- Position IUSON as a nationally renowned leader in research and knowledge development. (Research Excellence)
- Develop new and sustain existing partnerships to support innovations in education and research that address current and future challenges in global health care and health professions education. (Innovations and Partnerships)
- Integrate the school’s core values into the culture of the organization. (Recognition)
- Acquire, allocate, and effectively manage resources to support the work of faculty, staff, and students. (Resources)

Core Values
These core values are fundamental to the success of the nursing profession and the Indiana University School of Nursing community. These values are 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.
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About the Indiana University School of Nursing

Founded in 1914, the Indiana University School of Nursing is among the largest nursing schools in the country. It offers the full range of degrees in nursing, from bachelors through doctoral. It actively seeks to promote progression of nursing careers by facilitating continuing education and transitions across all levels of nursing preparation.

The IU School of Nursing is one school with various programs on eight campuses - Bloomington, Columbus, Indianapolis (IUPUI), Gary, Kokomo, New Albany, Richmond, and South Bend.

The Bloomington and IUPUI programs comprise an administrative unit known as “The Core”. The Core has full accreditation from the Indiana State Board of Nursing, the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, and the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education. Admission to the School of Nursing is highly competitive. There are usually three or four applicants for every seat in the IU Bloomington nursing program. We admit approximately 80 students each fall.

The IU Bloomington School of Nursing is located on the 4th floor of the southeast wing of Sycamore Hall. Sycamore Hall is located off of E. Third Street, adjacent to the Jacobs School of Music buildings and the Speech and Hearing Center.

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Parking:
There is no parking specifically dedicated to the School of Nursing. Students and visitors are encouraged to park in accordance with IU parking regulations. There is visitor parking within walking distance at the Indiana Memorial Union (on Seventh Street) and in the Jordan Avenue and Atwater Avenue parking garages. See the following web site for a map of parking and the location of Sycamore Hall: http://www.iub.edu/~iubmap/bloomington/index.html.

The Nursing Profession

Nursing is a scientific profession with a comprehensive vision. Nurses care for people’s physical, emotional, psychological, intellectual, social, and spiritual needs. Therefore, the knowledge base of the profession centers on both the natural sciences and the social sciences. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) major seeks to teach students how to assess, develop, plan, implement, and evaluate plans of care for individuals, families and communities.

Academic preparation to take the Registered Nurse (RN) licensure exam can be earned through a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree or an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree. The four-year BSN can be completed on campuses throughout the IU system, including the Bloomington campus. In addition, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI), IU North – Gary (IUN) and IU South Bend (IUSB) offer accelerated 18-month BSN programs for students who already have a baccalaureate degree in another discipline. Their websites are: - IUPUI - http://www.nursing.iupui.edu/, IUSB - https://www.iusb.edu/nursing/ and IUNW - http://www.iun.edu/~nurse/undergraduate/.

To become a licensed Registered Nurse, students must complete the degree requirements of an accredited ASN or BSN program and satisfactorily complete the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). The National Council on State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) administers the NCLEX exam following graduation.

The School of Nursing remains highly committed to providing an exceptional undergraduate education experience. In keeping with the best research evidence regarding factors that predict of student success in schools of nursing, the IUSON has revised its admission policy. Beginning with students who applied for admission to the traditional BSN track for the Spring semester 2012 (at IUPUI) and the Fall semester 2012 (at IUB and IUPUI), the admission policy and procedure reflected the following changes: Admission will be based on performance in the areas of science and math in prerequisite courses as well as in other required prerequisite courses. Admission will also be based on performance on the Pre-admission ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills), a standardized test of academic achievement in four areas (Reading, Math, Science and English), which indicate success in nursing school.
**Nursing Job Outlook**

With the rapid reshaping of the nation’s health care delivery system, the nursing profession is experiencing dramatic change that will create many new opportunities and challenges. More nurses will be employed in settings outside of the hospital such as clinics, homes, schools, outpatient surgery centers, health centers, and businesses. Employment in hospitals, currently the largest sector, is expected to grow more slowly than other health care sectors. Additionally, job opportunities within the acute care setting are shifting to more community-based settings. Opportunities for nurses with advanced degrees are anticipated to be the greatest. Demand for masters and doctoral prepared nurses for advanced practice, clinical specialties, teaching, and research will soon be more than twice those available in this category.

**GENERAL SALARY INFORMATION**

Median annual wages of registered nurses were $67,490 in May 2015. The median wage is the wage at which half of the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than $46,360, and the highest 10 percent earned more than $101,630. Median annual wages in the industries employing the largest numbers of registered nurses in May 2015 were:

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<th>Industry</th>
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<tr>
<td>Government</td>
<td>$72,100</td>
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<td>General medical and surgical hospitals (state, local and private)</td>
<td>69,510</td>
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<td>Home health care services</td>
<td>63,840</td>
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<tr>
<td>Offices of physicians</td>
<td>60,820</td>
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<td>Nursing and residential care facilities</td>
<td>60,370</td>
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Many employers offer flexible work schedules, childcare, educational benefits, and bonuses. In 2014, approximately 1/6 of registered nurses worked part time.

School of Nursing Admission Requirements for Bloomington Students

1. Be admitted to Indiana University as a degree-seeking student prior to admission to major.

2. Attend a mandatory information session about the BSN Nursing Application or make an appointment with a Nursing Advisor. Attendance at the information session or a nursing advisor appointment is required in order for students to be eligible to apply for Fall, 2017. The dates will be posted on the School of Nursing website and sent by email to all pre-nursing students who have subscribed to the School of Nursing email distribution list.

3. Complete 29-31 credit hours of program requirements with a grade of "C" or higher. The credits counting toward admission must include 6 required courses: Elementary Composition, Introductory Psychology; Introductory Sociology; Human Anatomy, Finite Math and another 3-5 credit Critical/Analytical/Science (or IUB GenEd N&M) course in addition to 2-4 general education courses. Math and the 3 major science courses Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology must be less than 7 years old at the time of application and must have in-person science laboratories.

4. Achieve a minimum IU cumulative GPA of 2.70 at the time the student’s application is submitted.

5. Achieve a minimum Nursing GPA of 3.0 in the required pre-requisite nursing and general education courses listed on the application at the time the student’s application is submitted.

6. Earn a minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or higher by the second completed attempt for all courses listed on the application for admission. A grade of “C-” is not acceptable. Grades below “C” will not be accepted for the nursing application or toward nursing degree requirements.

7. The School of Nursing strongly recommends that students meet with a nursing advisor to discuss specific admission requirements and courses that can be used for the nursing application. Contact the School of Nursing (812-855-1736) or email a nursing advisor to make an appointment.

8. Complete all required course work, including "Incompletes", by established deadlines (see page 16).

9. Investigate the profession of Nursing through job shadowing, internships, Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) training, nurse tech roles, health occupations coursework, volunteer/community service experiences or other exploratory nursing courses.

10. Submit the online nursing application including the Student Disclosure Form to the School of Nursing by March 15, 2017 for fall 2017 admission or by September 15, 2016 for spring 2017 admission at IUPUI.

11. Students applying to the IU SON nursing program at any other IU campus (which includes listing IUPUI as a 2nd choice on the nursing application) must complete a Permanent Intercampus Transfer form by the application deadline.

12. Complete the Pre-admission ATI TEAS test no later than one week prior to the application deadlines.

13. If admitted, sign and return the acceptance form by the established deadline (indicated in the admission offer) and submit a national criminal background check (which is then required at least annually for all students admitted to the School of Nursing).
IU School of Nursing Admission Criteria (IUB and IUPUI campuses)

Science GPA (50% of admission score)
- Anatomy – (R = required) (IUB GenEd N&M - 5 credits) - ANAT-A 215
- Finite Math or Calculus - R (3-4 credits) – MATH-V 118, V119, D116/117, M118 or M211
- 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 or P155
- Introduction to Sociology - R (IUB GenEd S&H – 3 cr.) – SOC-S 100, S101 or S230
- Remaining courses selected from the following 5 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)
*Note - GenEd courses cannot double count for the application or the nursing degree.

Pre Admission ATI TEAS Test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) (20% of admission score)
- Exam and covers Reading, English & Language Usage, Math and Science (include anatomy/physiology).
- Online exam given by IUB testing service in fall or spring semester.
- May take exam twice but most recent set of exam scores will be used for application.
- The exam must be completed by application deadline.
- Exam scores will be valid for two years from the date of the test.
- Exam has 150 scored questions to complete in 209 minutes. Review materials are available at www.atitesting.com and in the Life Sciences library (Jordan Hall).

Other Criteria
- Students must attend a School of Nursing Mandatory Application Information Session prior to making application to the School of Nursing.
- Students must complete an online Student Disclosure of Criminal Conviction and Pending Criminal Charges Form as part of the nursing application, due March 15, 2017.
- Nursing GPA (all courses listed on the nursing application) – must be at least a 3.0 at the time of application (March 15, 2017).
- IU Cumulative GPA - must be at least 2.7 at the time of application to Nursing.
- 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. Undistributed credit may be used to satisfy requirements for the Critical/Analytical/Science cluster or elective credit only.
- 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.
# Bachelor of Science in Nursing Curriculum Degree Map (IUB only)

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<th>Semester</th>
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<td>Pre-Nursing Curriculum 29-31 credits (Pre-requisite courses are interchangeable between semesters)</td>
<td><strong>Critical/Analytical/Science or IUB GenEd N&amp;M Course (3 - 5 cr.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Finite Math Course or Calculus (MATH-V 119 or M211) (3 - 4 cr.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Introductory Sociology (3 cr.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;IUB GenEd Social &amp; Historical Studies Course (3 cr.)&lt;br&gt;IUB GenEd Arts &amp; Humanities Course (3 cr.)</td>
<td>Total of 15 credit hours</td>
<td><strong>ANAT- A 215 - Human Anatomy (5 cr.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Introductory Psychology (3 cr.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>English Composition Course (3 cr.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;IUB GenEd World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Required Courses for Nursing Application</strong></td>
<td>Total of 14 credit hours</td>
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<td>Nursing Curriculum Semester 3 &amp; 4 Clinical: 8-15 hrs/week</td>
<td>Semester 3 &lt;br&gt;PHSL- P 215 – Human Physiology (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-B 234 – Promoting Healthy Populations (3 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-B 235 – Healthy Populations Practicum (2 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-B 244/B245 – Comprehensive Health Assessment with lab Practicum (4 cr. total)&lt;br&gt;NURS-B 253 – Professionalism in Collaborative Practice (IPE) – (3 cr.)</td>
<td>Total of 17 credit hours</td>
<td>Semester 4 &lt;br&gt;BIOL-M 200 &amp; BIOL-M 215 - Microbiology Lecture/Lab (4 cr. total)&lt;br&gt;NURS-B 260 – Nursing Fundamentals with practicum (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-B 261 – Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Nursing Practice (4 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-L 230 – Health Care Delivery Systems (3 cr.)</td>
<td>Total of 16 credit hours</td>
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<td>Nursing Curriculum Semester 5 &amp; 6 Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week *NURS-H 360 &amp; NURS-B 334 may be taught in opposite semesters.</td>
<td>Semester 5 &lt;br&gt;NURS-H 355 – Data Analysis for Practice and Research (3 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-H 356 – Biophysical Processes with practicum – Medical/Surgical Nursing (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-H 360* – Interactive Processes with practicum – Psych/Neuro Nursing (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;IUB GenEd World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.) (if needed)</td>
<td>Total of 13 - 16 credit hours</td>
<td>Semester 6 &lt;br&gt;NURS-B 334* – Transitional Care of Families and Populations with practicum – OB, Pediatrics, Community Nursing (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-H 371 – Adaptive Processes with practicum – Medical/Surgical Nursing (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-R 375 – Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice (3 cr.)</td>
<td>Total of 13 credit hours</td>
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<td>Nursing Curriculum Semester 7 &amp; 8 Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week *NURS-H 476 &amp; NURS-B 444 may be taught in opposite semesters.</td>
<td>Semester 7 &lt;br&gt;NURS-L 430 – Leadership in Healthcare Delivery and Policy with practicum (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-S 474 –Applied Healthcare Ethics (3 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-H 476* – Complex Processes with practicum – Adult Critical Care (5 cr.)&lt;br&gt;IUB GenEd Arts &amp; Humanities Course (3 cr.) (if needed)</td>
<td>Total of 12 - 16 credit hours</td>
<td>Semester 8 &lt;br&gt;NURS-B 444* - Managing Health and Illness Across Care Environments with Practicum – Community Health Nursing (4 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-B 453 – Inter-Professional Practice with practicum (1 cr. lecture &amp; 2 cr. practicum)&lt;br&gt;NURS-S 483-Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone (3 cr.)&lt;br&gt;NURS-S 488 – Nursing Synthesis (2 cr.)&lt;br&gt;Elective (1 cr.) (if needed)</td>
<td>Total of 12 - 14 credit hours</td>
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The course work in the BSN curriculum is divided into two separate areas (for a total of 120 credits):

- 45 credit hours of IUB General Education course work, including 1 hour of elective.
- 75 credit hours of the Nursing core course work. The focus is divided between concepts of illness and wellness. Community-based learning experiences are offered throughout the curriculum, culminating in an intensive “capstone” clinical experience senior year.

The baccalaureate curriculum includes one year of pre-nursing general education course work followed by three years of upper division nursing course work. Students are eligible to apply for admission to the major if they have completed a minimum of 29-31 hours of pre-nursing coursework by the end of the spring semester, 2017.

Once admitted to the School of Nursing, the nursing courses take precedent and are time-intensive. Therefore, students are encouraged to complete all General Education requirements and/or coursework for minors prior to Semester 7, if possible.

General Education Requirements for all new students at IUB, effective summer 2011
All undergraduate students who matriculate (i.e., attend Indiana University on the Bloomington campus for the first time) as a degree-seeking student at Indiana University Bloomington in or after first summer session 2011 will be required to complete the campus-wide General Education requirements prior to graduation with a baccalaureate degree. The General Education curriculum at Indiana University Bloomington is intended to ensure that, through the Common Ground requirements, all undergraduates at IUB develop the essential skills of English composition and mathematical modeling, and are exposed to the vast wealth of course offerings that IU Bloomington has to offer in arts and humanities, social and historical studies, natural and mathematical sciences, and world languages and cultures. More information about the IU Bloomington campus General Education requirements is found on the General Education Bulletin website: http://gened.iub.edu/.

The IU School of Nursing (IUSON) general education courses help lay the foundation for the nursing courses and also serve to provide the student with a well-rounded education. For admission to the nursing major, 29-31 credit hours of general education coursework are required. The general education portion of the BSN curriculum consists of 44 credit hours of course work, which fulfills the IUB General Education requirements, plus 1 credit hour of elective (elective credit may not be applied toward admission). For a complete list of approved IUB General Education and IUSON courses, please refer to the IUB School of Nursing website.

Returning IUB students (students who “matriculated” or attended classes at Indiana University on the Bloomington campus prior to summer 2011) are not required to follow the IUB GenEd curriculum. Returning students will use the Nursing Cluster Lists (found on the IUB School of Nursing website) to aid in selecting courses to fulfill application and degree requirements.
IUSON General Education Courses/IUB GenEd Requirements:

1.) Critical/Analytical/Science Nursing Requirement (also fulfills the IUB GenEd Natural & Mathematical Science and IUB GenEd Math Modeling requirements)
Courses in the Critical/Analytical/Science requirement are specifically identified to assist the student in: 1) understanding and using a purposeful thought process in order to accurately interpret nursing problems, 2) evaluate information in determining probable validity and reliability and relevance to problems at hand, 3) make inferences that avoid faulty reasoning and promote decision making, 4) explain and define reasoning supporting decisions/conclusions, and 5) monitor thought processes of self and others for correcting decision processes.

For the nursing degree, the Critical/Analytical/Science requirement includes the completion of twenty credit hours of approved courses. Fourteen credit hours are specified through Anatomy (ANAT-A 215), Physiology (PHSL-P 215), and Microorganisms in Nature and Disease (“Microbiology”) lecture & lab (BIOL-M 200 & BIOL-M 215). A minimum of three additional credit hours come from an approved C/A/S course (or an IUB GenEd N&M course). The IUB GenEd Natural & Mathematical Science requirement is fulfilled by completing ANAT-A 215.

To complete the twenty credit hours, students must also take Finite Math or an approved Calculus course. Students applying to the School of Nursing may choose to take either Finite Math (MATH-D 116 and MATH-D 117, MATH-M 118 or MATH-V 118 “Finite Math for Social and Biological Sciences” or “Finite Math in Action” topics) or Calculus I (MATH-M 211) or Applied Brief Calculus (MATH-V 119). The math courses (listed above) fulfill the IUB GenEd Math Modeling Foundations course requirement. The required science and math courses (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and Finite Math/Calculus) must be less than seven years old at the time of application and the 3 required Science courses must have in-person labs.

To apply to the School of Nursing, students need to complete ANAT-A 215, the IUB GenEd Math Modeling requirement (with one of the courses listed above) and one additional IUB GenEd N&M or C/A/S course (for approximately 11 credit hours). Physiology and Microbiology are completed during the first year of the Nursing curriculum.

2.) IUB GenEd English Composition/Nursing Communication Requirement
Courses fulfilling the Communication requirement are important to the development of an accurate understanding of the written and spoken word. These courses emphasize the use of technology in managing, transferring, and enhancing the use and sharing of information.

This IUB GenEd requirement is fulfilled by the completion of three credit hours of an approved English Composition course. If a student has earned an English Composition exemption, this exemption fulfills the IUB GenEd English Composition Foundation requirement and may be listed on the nursing application. However, since the exemption is without credit, a minimum of three credit hours will need to be taken to fulfill the Communication requirement for the nursing degree. Special departmental credit and undistributed credit may be used to fulfill this requirement. Contact a nursing advisor with questions.

3.) IUB GenEd Social & Historical Studies/Social Competence Requirement
IUSON general education courses fulfilling the Social & Historical Studies requirement, combined with nursing course work, will provide the student with 1) competencies consistent with the ability to manage human experience, 2) fiscal and material resources, 3) an understanding of the political and legal process governing the laws and policies shaping health and well-being, and 4) an appreciation for existing community resources and the defining of additional resources.
This requirement includes the completion of nine credit hours of approved courses for the degree. Six of these credit hours are required for the nursing application and include an Introductory Psychology course (either PSY-P 101*, PSY-P 102*, PSY-P 155 or PSY-P 106) and an Introductory Sociology course (SOC-S 100, SOC-S 101 or SOC-S 230). The remaining three credit hours can be met by any course listed as an approved IUB GenEd Social and Historical Studies course.* signifies best options

4.) IUB GenEd World Language or World Culture Requirement
IUSON general education fulfilling the IUB GenEd World Language or World Culture requirement allow students to develop 1) an understanding of and an appreciation for the diversity within and among cultures, 2) how these differences shape values and beliefs, and 3) how these beliefs affect behaviors of individuals, families, and societies.

The requirement includes the completion of six credit hours of approved courses for the degree, chosen from the IUB GenEd World Languages and World Cultures course lists or through an approved International Experience. A student may take one or two IUB GenEd World Language or World Culture courses prior to admission but credits fulfilling this requirement are not required to apply to the School of Nursing.

To fulfill the IUB GenEd requirement, a student must take 6 credit hours in either World Language (at the 200 level) or World Culture coursework. Conversely, the student will not fulfill the requirement with 3 credit hours of World Language and 3 credit hours of World Culture. If a student is choosing to meet the IUB GenEd requirement by studying a foreign language, they must successfully complete the study of a single IUB GenEd approved world language through the second semester of the second year level of college level course work. One hundred level language courses may not be listed on the nursing application unless there is demonstrated progress toward fulfilling the IUB GenEd World Language requirement on the student’s IUB transcript.

Students may also take 6 credit hours (6 weeks) of an approved study abroad program to fulfill the IUB GenEd World Culture requirement. Admitted nursing students may only study overseas during the summer session.

5.) IUB GenEd Arts and Humanities Requirement
The IUB GenEd Arts and Humanities requirement is important in developing an understanding of human nature and helps students develop a strong sense of aesthetics.

The requirement includes the completion of six credit hours of approved courses for the degree, chosen from any course listed as an approved IUB GenEd Arts and Humanities course. A student may take one or two IUB GenEd Arts and Humanities courses prior to admission but credits fulfilling this requirement are not required to apply to the School of Nursing.

Electives
One credit hour of elective will be needed to complete the BSN degree requirements. With the exception of 0-level math courses, any course with a letter grade may be used as an elective. Special placement credit with a grade of “S”, and test credit with a grade of “T” may also be used. Pass/Fail courses may not be used. Excess hours from a cluster course (see page 14) do not count as electives. However, elective courses as well as required general education courses can count toward a “minor” in a program area. Contact a nursing advisor for more information.

Nursing Core Courses
The nursing courses themselves comprise the heart of the BSN degree. These courses include lecture, laboratory, and clinical experiences throughout the three years of the nursing major. The nursing core consists of 19 course topics and a total of 75 credit hours. See the sample curriculum on page 8 for the sequence of nursing core courses. Students may not take nursing core courses until admitted to the major and nursing core courses are not offered during the summer. They may only be taken during the academic year, in the sequence specified above. However, students may take general education courses during the summer and are encouraged to complete all general education courses and courses for a minor prior to their final year of nursing courses.
Transfer Student Information

Students considering transferring to IUB to apply to the IUSON are STRONGLY encouraged to meet with a School of Nursing Advisor. Application/Admission requirements are the same for IU Bloomington and IUPUI. Applicants for admission at IUB and IUPUI are placed into one of three categories listed below.

Category A – CORE Campus Applicants - IUB (Bloomington) an IUPUI (Indianapolis): Indiana University students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing credit hours listed on their application at the Indiana University campus to which they are applying. Students are considered to be in Category A for the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses if they have earned at least 51% of their pre-nursing course credit hours listed on their application from IUB (Bloomington) and/or IUPUI (Indianapolis).

Category B – INTERCAMPUS TRANSFERS: Students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing credit hours on an Indiana University campus other than IUB or IUPUI where they are applying, but now wish to change campus sites for the completion of the nursing major.

Category C – TRANSFER Students: Students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing credit hours outside the Indiana University educational system who now wish to complete their nursing major at IUB (Bloomington) or IUPUI (Indianapolis).

IMPORTANT NOTE: 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 Bloomington and IUPUI campuses have been filled by Category A applicants. Within each category, applicants are then ranked according to total application rating and campus preferences. Transfer students may become Category A applicants by completing 15-16 credit hours of nursing application courses on one of the Core campuses during the semester when the nursing application is submitted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To be eligible to apply to the School of Nursing, all students, including transfer students, must have an established IU cumulative GPA (with a minimum GPA of 2.7) at the time of application to Nursing.

The nursing application/admission requirements are the same for IU Bloomington and IUPUI but they vary for the regional campuses of Indiana University. It is important that students contact any of the regional campuses to verify that they meet their admission requirements if they plan to apply to another campus (see Appendix A for advisor contact information).

Transfer Credit

Students considering transferring to IUB to apply to the IUSON are STRONGLY encouraged to meet with a School of Nursing Advisor. To be eligible to apply to the School of Nursing, all students, including transfer students, must have an established IU cumulative GPA (with a minimum GPA of 2.7) at the time of application to Nursing. Students may use up to 49% of transfer credit hours (or approximately 14-15 transferred credit hours) on the nursing application. 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.

Any IU course taken in residence at another Indiana public college or university campus and listed in the Core Transfer Library under the same CTL Name as an IUB GenEd approved course will apply toward the same GenEd Common Ground requirement (or requirements) as the IU Bloomington course in that category. Please refer to the TransferIN.net website for specific course information (http://www.transferin.net/index.aspx). Transfer credit from colleges and universities outside of Indiana (or from a private Indiana college or university) that is articulated to an IU Bloomington GenEd approved course will apply toward the same GenEd Common Ground requirement (or requirements) as the IU Bloomington course in that category. Refer to the IU Office of Admissions Credit Transfer Service website for course articulations (http://cts.admissions.indiana.edu/).
Policies Regarding the BSN Curriculum

IMPORTANT: The polices below are specific to the School of Nursing, and are separate from Indiana University's General Education, Extended X or related policies. These criteria also apply to students who wish to transfer required courses from a higher education institution other than Indiana University (all branches).

Grade and Course Repeat Policies

a.) Repeating a Required Course because of a Failing Grade
Students must complete all general education courses and Nursing courses with a grade of "C" or higher. According to School of Nursing policy, grades lower than a "C" constitutes a "failed" course. A maximum of two attempts for any required course is allowed for a course that has been failed. The grade from the second attempt will be used to calculate the GPAs for admission purposes. Required courses taken as dual credit or transferred from other schools will be considered for the nursing application and will count as a first attempt.

If a student has more than three failures in required Nursing general education courses (whether these courses will be listed on the application or not), then the student is permanently ineligible for admission to any IU School of Nursing Core campus or program. No more than 2 failures may be in Critical/Analytical/Science (C/A/S) courses.

This policy applies to the following required Nursing general education courses:
- Human Anatomy (C/A/S)
- Human Physiology (C/A/S)
- Microorganisms in Nature & Disease (Microbiology) (C/A/S)
- Finite Math (or 200 level Calculus) (C/A/S)
- Elementary Composition
- Introductory Psychology
- Introductory Sociology

If a student is offered admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program but then fails a required science course (Physiology or Microbiology) in the interim between an initial offer of admission and program entry, the student will be eligible to begin the first semester in the School of Nursing but must successfully complete the required science course in the semester in which the course appears in the admitted student's plan of study.

b.) Repeating a Course to Improve the Grade
If a student has not failed a course (by earning a C or higher) but would like to repeat or retake a course to strengthen their nursing application GPA, there is no limit to the number of times they may take a course. However, if a student takes the exact same course, the grade from the most recent attempt will be used to calculate nursing admission GPAs. If a student takes a different course to fulfill the application requirement (for example, the student takes PSY-P 102 and already has completed PSY-P 101) then the student may choose which course to list on the nursing application to fulfill the Introductory Psychology requirement.

Note: Retaking a course does not necessarily allow the second grade to replace the first grade on the official IU transcript. Refer to Extended X policy information posted on the Office of the Registrar's web site (http://registrar.indiana.edu/extendedx.shtml).

Admission criteria and policies are subject to change. For any questions, contact the Assistant Director of Student Services (Debbie Hrisomalos) in the School of Nursing.

Advanced Placement (AP), Special Credit (S) Work, Credit by Exam (T) and Pass/Fail (P/F) Coursework
Students may receive IU credit granted on the basis of test scores (AP, IB and/or departmental exams). This credit must be posted on a student’s transcript as an IU Bloomington approved course (and not as undistributed credit). The credit will fulfill IUB GenEd requirements if it articulates as a course which fulfills the IUB GenEd requirement.
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students may use up to two Advanced Placement or special departmental credit courses on the nursing application (one course may be used toward the Science GPA and one course may be used toward the GenEd GPA) for a total of 6 credit hours. These credit hours are noted on the IU transcript as “T” or “S” credits (test credit or special departmental/satisfactory credit).

If a student has more than 6 credit hours of “T” or “S” credit, the student may use these credits to meet other general education and elective requirements within the BSN curriculum as long as they are recorded on the student’s IU transcript. “Pass/Fail” (P/F) course work may not be counted toward the BSN degree.

### 7-Year Limit on Math/Science

Required science and math courses (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, and Finite Math/Calculus) must be less than seven years old at the time of admission. There is also a seven-year limit on Statistics should a student wish to use this course on the nursing application. Please see the nursing advisor if required science and math course work is older than seven years.

### Course Exemptions

The School of Nursing will honor course requirements waived at the time of admission to Indiana University. This most commonly applies to Elementary Composition. If a student has earned an English Composition exemption, this exemption fulfills the IUB GenEd English Composition Foundation requirement and may be listed on the nursing application. However, since the exemption is without credit, a minimum of three credit hours will need to be taken to fulfill the Communication requirement for the nursing degree. Special departmental credit and undistributed credit may be used to fulfill this requirement. Contact a nursing advisor with questions.

### Double Counting

If a student takes an IUB GenEd course which fulfills more than one GenEd requirement (i.e., IUB GenEd A&H and IUB GenEd WC), the School of Nursing will allow this course to count for one GenEd requirement only (either for the IUB GenEd A&H or IUB GenEd WC requirement), but not for both - “double counting”.

### Undistributed Credit

Students may not use undistributed credit from transfer coursework to fulfill any IUB General Education requirements. However, undistributed credit may be used to satisfy requirements for the Critical/Analytical/Science course on the nursing application. Undistributed credit may also be used as elective credit (and to fulfill the Communication requirement if a student is exempt without credit for ENG-W 131). The undistributed credit must be on the student’s IU transcript and the course must have a grade. If students have undistributed credit they wish to use on their application, they must contact a nursing advisor for approval. Students may be asked to provide a copy of the course description or a syllabus from the course for which they received undistributed credit for review by faculty. The Assistant Director of Student Services and the Assistant Dean for the Bloomington campus will make final decisions on utilization of undistributed credit.

### Minimum Credits within Clusters

Due to course selection and/or availability, students may occasionally have fewer credits within a given cluster than are actually required by the cluster itself. For the nursing degree, the Critical/Analytical/Science requirement will be considered “met” if the student is within one credit hour of the twenty total hours required in this area. Students must still ensure that they earn enough credits to meet the minimum admission requirements (minimum 29 hours) and the minimum total credit hours (minimum 120 hours) required for graduation. Additional elective credits will cover the C/A/S course credits when the student is short credits. This policy cannot apply to the IUB GenEd Social and Historical Studies requirement, the IUB GenEd World Language or World Culture requirement, or the IUB GenEd Arts and Humanities since students must meet the IUB GenEd credit hour requirements. Contact a nursing advisor for questions.
Excess Credits within Clusters
Due to course selection and/or availability, students may occasionally earn more credits within a given cluster than are actually required by the cluster itself. In most cases, excess cluster hours are counted toward the minimum 29 required credits for the nursing application and are calculated into the nursing admission GPAs. Please contact a nursing advisor with questions.

Grade Averaging
All general education requirements, both required and student-selected, need to be completed with a grade of “C” or better by the second attempt. Grades from lecture/lab split courses cannot be averaged together to create a “C” grade. Both lecture and laboratory grades must be “C” or better.

Campus - Specific Course Issues
Microorganisms in Nature and Disease (Microbiology) BIOL-M 200 (lecture) and its lab, BIOL-M 215, are only available during the spring semester on the Bloomington campus.

Anatomy and Physiology are combined into one course that meets over two semesters at IUN (Gary) and IUSB (South Bend) and at Ivy Tech Community Colleges in Indiana. Nursing majors cannot take one of these courses elsewhere and take the other here in Bloomington. For example, if a student takes PHSL-P 261 (Anatomy & Physiology I) at IUN, that student must also take PHSL-P 262 (Anatomy & Physiology II) at IUN in order to complete the requirements for anatomy and physiology.

If a pre-nursing student is unable to enroll in Human Anatomy ANAT-A 215 on the Bloomington campus (and the student has waitlisted the course in fall and spring semesters), the School of Nursing in Bloomington will accept Human Physiology (PHSL-P 215) for the nursing application. Students offered admission must successfully complete an approved Human Anatomy course in the summer prior to beginning the nursing core courses.

Independent Study and On-Line Correspondence Courses
Effective beginning fall 2010, the IUB School of Nursing will not accept some online courses, and paper-based or independent study correspondence courses. The IUB School of Nursing does not accept major science courses or science lab courses taken online (Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology), even if taken from an IU campus. If a student is considering taking an online course, it is important to check with a nursing advisor prior to enrolling in the course.

Minors
While a minor is not required, the School of Nursing encourages and supports students who wish to pursue a minor in an area of interest to them. However, students must plan their schedules carefully to not conflict with nursing clinicals and the final capstone course, especially during the final year of the nursing program. Nursing courses take precedence and are time-consuming. Therefore, students may need to complete courses for their minor during summer sessions. For information on completing a minor, students need to contact the department of interest and/or their University Division academic advisor (and discuss with Nursing Advisor).
Pre-Nursing Student Resources and Services

School of Nursing Web Site
The School of Nursing maintains a web page and uses this page to keep students updated on events, announcements, and other information related to the School of Nursing: www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse.

Academic Advising Appointments for Pre-Nursing and Nursing Majors and Transfer Students
Pre-nursing majors are assigned a primary advisor in their School (University Division, School of Business, College of Arts and Sciences, Honors College, etc.) and are responsible for maintaining contact with that advisor until admitted to the School of Nursing. However, both nursing advisors (Deborah Hrisomalos and Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey) are available to meet with pre-nursing students for consultation regarding planning for School of Nursing admission. The advising offices are located on the fourth floor of Sycamore Hall. Appointments are required.

Deborah Hrisomalos is the Assistant Director of Student Services at the IU Bloomington School of Nursing and serves as Nursing Academic Advisor for those students majoring in nursing. She also advises pre-nursing, transfer, and RN-BSN students. To make an appointment, call (812) 855-1736 or (812) 855-6875 or email her at dhrisoma@indiana.edu.

Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey advises nursing, pre-nursing, transfer, and prospective students. To make an appointment, call (812) 855-1736 or (812) 855-2208 or email her at lhobbsra@iu.edu.

Pre-Nursing E-mail Distribution List
It is critical that all students maintain an IU e-mail account (available through UITS - University Information and Technology Services) and check their e-mail on a regular basis. E-mail is the primary means by which the nursing advisors keep in touch with pre-nursing students about admission dates, student events, and other important information. Communicating with email accounts other than official IU email accounts may cause emails to go into “junk mail” and not be read. Students who wish to be added to the pre-nursing e-mail distribution list should contact the Assistant Director of Student Services Deborah Hrisomalos – dhrisoma@indiana.edu.

Web sites with information on nursing educational opportunities and careers:
http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/home

Application to the BSN Major for IUB (Bloomington) & IUPUI (Indianapolis)

Application Deadlines
Fall Application Availability and Deadlines:
In order to be considered for fall 2017 admission at Bloomington, students must be able to meet the pre-requisite requirements (with completed spring 2017 final grades) by the end of the spring 2017 semester.

• **Fall Application for BSN degree at IUB or IUPUI:** Applications are available on-line only (www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse) beginning January 15th; applications are due March 15th.

Spring Application and Availability and Deadlines (IUPUI):
The School of Nursing at IUPUI accepts applications for spring 2017 admission to the nursing major. All general education pre-requisite courses listed on the application must be completed by the end of the second summer session 2016 for a student to be eligible.

• **Spring Application for BSN degree at IUPUI:** Applications are available on-line only (www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse) beginning July 15th; applications are due September 15th.
ATI TEAS Test Information
The IUSON Core campuses (IUB & IUPUI) use the ATI TEAS test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) as part of the application process. No other version of the TEAS test is accepted. Students may take the ATI TEAS test no more than two times in a two year period. If the student has taken the exam more than twice in the past two years, only the first two score sets will be considered. If the exam has been taken more than one time, the most recent composite score will be used in consideration for admission. If you have completed the previous version of the TEAS test (TEAS V), this composite score may be used for the School of Nursing application (if the results are not older than 2 years).

The deadline for taking the exam if a student is applying for Spring, 2017 is September 15, 2016. The deadline for taking the exam if a student is applying for Fall, 2017 is March 15, 2017. The ATI TEAS test will be given on the Bloomington campus and administered by the IU Evaluation and Testing Center. There are 170 questions on the exam that cover reading, math, science and English. Students will have 209 minutes to complete the exam. Students will be sent specific instructions via the pre-nursing email listserv on how to set up their ATI account, how to register for the exam and dates when the exam will be given. This information will be posted to the IUB School of Nursing webpage.

Student Disclosure Form
Students must complete the online Student Disclosure of Criminal Conviction and Pending Criminal Charges Form. The Student Disclosure Form is part of the online application and due by the application deadline (March 15 for fall applications and September 15 for spring applications). 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 with any questions. Failure to complete the online Student Disclosure Form will result in an ineligible application. See Appendix B.

A National Criminal Background Check is required of all individuals offered conditional admission to an undergraduate nursing major at IUB/IUPUI. If students are offered admission to the School of Nursing, information will be provided on how to obtain the National Criminal Background Check. Final acceptance in the program is contingent upon review of the student’s National Criminal Background Check. Offers of admission will be revoked in the following circumstances:
1.) If a student has omitted information or provided untruthful or inaccurate information on the IU School of Nursing criminal background disclosure form.
2.) If a student has criminal background infractions noted on their National Criminal Background Check that may preclude clinical placement in any of our clinical agency partners.
3.) If a student fails to submit the National Criminal Background Check by the stated deadline.

For questions, please contact the School of Nursing advisor (Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey) at 812-855-1736 or by email at lhobbsra@iu.edu.

Mandatory Application Information Session
It is important for all students to understand the admission criteria and courses needed to be eligible to apply to the School of Nursing. All pre-nursing students are required to attend one Mandatory Application Information Session prior to making application to the School of Nursing. In addition, the advisors with the School of Nursing encourage all pre-nursing students to make an appointment with a School of Nursing advisor in addition to meeting with their assigned advisor.
Social Security Number
To be able to take the NCLEX exam to become a licensed Registered Nurse, a student must have a Social Security number. Students should contact a nursing advisor prior to applying to understand the implications of not having a Social Security number (on testing, licensure and future employment). If a student does not have a Social Security number, they should contact the Office of International Services (http://ois.iu.edu/index.shtml) to discuss this process prior to applying to the School of Nursing.

Potential Application Errors
Excess courses listed on the nursing application
Applicants may not exceed the number of student-selected courses allowable from each IUB GenEd category when submitting their application. Generally speaking (when courses are 3 credits each), students may not exceed the following limits toward the nursing application:

- **IUB GenEd Natural & Mathematical Science or Critical/Analytical/Science course:** one student-selected course (3-5 credits)
- **IUB GenEd Social & Historical Studies:** one student-selected course (3 credits total)
- **IUB GenEd World Language or World Culture:** two student-selected courses (6 credits total)
- **IUB GenEd Arts and Humanities:** two student-selected courses (6 credits total)

Students with more courses in a given cluster may not list the “extra” cluster course on their application. However, the courses may count as elective credits toward the BSN degree, if admitted. Electives DO NOT count toward the admission requirements and may not be used on the application. Only courses meeting general education requirements are counted toward admission.

Minimum grades for application
Students may use only grades of C or above on their Nursing application. Any lower grade will cause the application to be ineligible.

Submitting Your Application Documents
The IUB nursing application and Student Disclosure Form are found online (during the application period) at http://www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse/. If a student is taking application course(s) at another school or university during the semester of application, documentation of the grade received in the course(s) must be received by May 18th for the fall application cycle. The School of Nursing will not process any application until all required items are received by the established deadlines. Incomplete application documents will not be accepted. **Students who fail to submit a required application item by the established deadlines will be ineligible for admission for the admission cycle.**

Notification of Admission Status, Contingency Plans, and Limits on Refusals
Official admission status for fall 2017 will be determined after all grades are final for the spring semester. Students can expect to be notified by early June for fall admission (or in early November for spring admission at IUPUI). **Please note:** The IU Bloomington campus admits students only in the fall semester. Spring and fall admission is available on the IUPUI campus. Once a student is admitted to the nursing program, they will receive instructions on registering for their first semester of nursing classes.

All applicants should have a contingency plan in case they are not admitted to the School of Nursing. 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. Some students also work toward completing a minor, their IUB General Education coursework or use this time for overseas study. It is recommended that students consult a nursing advisor to explore other nursing options.
Although currently there is no limit on the number of times a student can apply for admission to the School of Nursing, there is a limit on the number of offers of admission a student can turn down. **Students who refuse an offer of admission two times are ineligible for future BSN admission consideration on any IU campus.**

**Applying to Nursing Programs at Other IU Campuses**
If an IUB student decides to apply to ANY other IU campus – for either the traditional BSN or the Second Degree BSN, Accelerated track nursing program, **or if a student lists a campus other than IUB as either their first or second choice on the nursing application**, the student must apply for a permanent intercampus transfer by the nursing application deadline or the student will not be admitted to the new campus, and therefore will not able to be admitted to the Nursing program. For more information and to fill out the Permanent Intercampus Transfer form, go to this webpage: [http://www.iupui.edu/~moveiu/#iupui](http://www.iupui.edu/~moveiu/#iupui).

**Information for Students Admitted to the BSN Major**

**Anatomy and Physiology Course Information for Nursing Majors**
Although students cannot register for nursing core courses until they are officially admitted to the School of Nursing, students **should** register at their assigned time for those IUB GenEd courses (and contingency plan courses) for the fall 2016 semester. If students are admitted to the School of Nursing at IU Bloomington and have not already successfully completed PHSL-P 215 – Human Physiology (5 credits), they must take Physiology with their first semester of nursing courses. **If a student has been admitted to the School of Nursing with Physiology (in place of Anatomy), the student must successfully complete ANAT-A 215 – Human Anatomy (5 credits) (or an approved transfer course) – during the summer session (2017) prior to the first semester of their nursing courses.**

If a student is offered admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program but then fails a required science course (Physiology or Microbiology) in the interim between an initial offer of admission and program entry, the student will be eligible to begin the first semester in the School of Nursing but must successfully complete the required science course in the semester in which the course appears in the admitted student’s plan of study.

**New Nursing Student Mandatory Orientation Session**
All students offered admission to the IUB School of Nursing for fall 2017 will be required to attend a **one day mandatory orientation session** prior to the beginning of fall classes. The mandatory nursing orientation is held the Friday prior to the first day of “Semester 3”. The specific date and time of the orientation session will be provided in the student’s School of Nursing Admission Packet. Students offered admission to IUPUI will also be required to attend a mandatory orientation session at IUPUI.

**IUB School of Nursing Computer Policy**
All Indiana University Bloomington nursing students are required to have a personal laptop computer or a netbook with an **extended battery life of at least 8 hours**. In addition to accessing educational and reference material and communicating with faculty, staff, and other students, these computers will be used for classroom activities and taking online assessments. Each personal computer must be wireless compatible and have all up-to-date office products and web browsers available through IU Ware. At this time, students are responsible for supporting their own computers with the recommended software and hardware components. Computer guide recommendations and common questions may be found on the University Information Technology Services website at [http://uits.iu.edu/page/antk](http://uits.iu.edu/page/antk). **NOTE:** an iPad is not compatible with the nursing technology and testing software used by all nursing faculty.
Travel Requirements
It is a possibility as part of the student’s clinical experiences throughout the School of Nursing baccalaureate program that they may be asked to drive to health care organizations located outside of Bloomington. We use numerous organizations to help us meet the needs of our nursing students and to provide them with the best possible clinical experiences. These other locations may include Columbus, Seymour, Martinsville, and Bedford. Please be aware that some experiences are randomly assigned and will include these other locations. It is an expectation that all students will attend clinical at the location they are assigned as part of their nursing experience.

IUB Nursing Uniform Requirements
New Bloomington nursing students must purchase nursing uniforms (scrubs & polo shirt/khaki pants) and equipment just prior to the beginning of fall semester at the mandatory orientation session. If admitted to the nursing major, students will receive more detailed information about this in June, 2017. Students do not need to act on this information until after they are admitted. It is simply provided for your information at this point.

Required Immunizations/ Drug Screen and Statement of Physical Ability:
All admitted nursing students are required to provide proof of immunization, a negative drug screen and a statement of physical ability to perform the requirements of the clinical portion of the nursing program. Please contact Deborah Hrisomalos – dhrisoma@indiana.edu if you have any questions about the required immunizations. Students admitted to the nursing program will receive detailed information about the requirements.

- Flu Shot: required annually, to be completed by November 1st
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): 2 vaccinations or positive titers
- Tuberculosis: PPD annually within 30 days of the start of the fall semester (the 2 step PPD required for first year students only)
- Hepatitis B Vaccine series and positive Hepatitis B Titer
- Chickenpox (Varicella): 2 Varivax Immunizations or positive Varicella Titer
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Vaccine (Adult Tdap): administered since 2007
- Drug Screen - required annually (prior to the start of the fall semester) and upon request from a clinical partner or School of Nursing
- Statement of Physical Ability to Perform Clinical Requirements - required from the student's healthcare provider prior to the start of the fall semester.

Health Insurance
All nursing students are required to have health insurance coverage. Students must submit verification of insurance coverage annually to the School of Nursing office.

CPR Information
While in nursing school, all students must maintain current Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers CPR certification from either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. No other CPR certifications are acceptable (CPR for Lifeguard Certification and Heartsaver CPR AED are not accepted). Students who are BLS for Healthcare Provider certified but their certification will expire during the 2016-2017 academic year, must get re-certified prior to the beginning of the fall semester. Current CPR documentation must be on file with the School of Nursing. Appropriate training is available through completion of SPH-H 160 First Aid and Emergency Care (elective course) or training sites can be found on the AHA and ARC websites.

American Heart Association:
http://cpr.heart.org/AHAECC/CPRAndECC/Training/HealthcareProfessional/BasicLifeSupportBLS/UCM_473189_Basic-Life-Support-BLS.jsp

American Red Cross:
http://www.redcross.org/ux/take-a-class
Indiana University School of Nursing Essential Abilities Policy

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.

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/neurological functions to include: ability to use the senses of sight, hearing, touch, and smell to make correct judgments regarding patient conditions and meet physical expectations to safely and competently perform interventions required in the practice of nursing. Behaviors that demonstrate essential neurological and physical functions include, but are not limited to observation, listening, understanding relationships, writing, and psychomotor abilities consistent with course and program expectations.

3. 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.

4. 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. Anger dyscontrol, lack of self-control, disengagement, lethargy, and labile mood are examples of behaviors indicative of ineffective coping.

5. 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.

6. 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.

Housing Arrangements

Students attending IUPUI or any of the regional campuses live primarily off-campus. If there is a possibility that a student may attend any of these campuses, the student may want to begin investigating housing options. The telephone number of the housing office on the IUPUI campus is (317) 274-7200. This office should be able to provide students with information on off-campus housing in Indianapolis. For student’s own legal and financial well being, it is best that students not enter into a binding lease until they are sure what campus they will be attending.

Nursing Scholarships

The IU School of Nursing offers nursing scholarships which become available during the spring semester. For more information, go to http://nursing.iu.edu/undergraduate/tuition-aid/index.shtml. However, some scholarship awards are nontransferable. If a student is currently receiving scholarship funds and there is a possibility they will attend another campus in the future, the student needs to contact their financial aid office to determine if their scholarship will transfer to another campus.

To be eligible to apply for an IUSON nursing scholarship, IUB students must have filed the FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the “early deadline” – March 10th. For more specific information and exact deadlines, see the Office of Student Financial Assistance webpage: http://studentcentral.indiana.edu/index.shtml.
Financial Aid Information
Unfortunately, financial aid does not automatically transfer from one IU campus to another. If a student is currently receiving financial aid and there is a possibility they will attend another campus in the future, the student needs to contact the other institution to begin the financial aid paperwork process. Please contact your current campus financial aid office for additional information.

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(812) 855-0321 Fax: (812) 855-7615
Web site: http://studentcentral.indiana.edu/index.shtml

Second Degree BSN, Accelerated Track Option
Students interested in admission to the Second Degree BSN, Accelerated Track option at IUPUI should contact the School of Nursing at IUPUI for information (317-274-2806). IUPUI admits students for this program in the fall and spring semesters. To apply, students must have completed a bachelor’s degree and 48 pre-requisite credit hours. Admission is based upon the GPA of the courses listed on the application.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Admission to the Nursing Program

If I am admitted to the Bloomington campus will I have to go to Indianapolis at some point?
No. Students admitted to the BSN major in Bloomington will spend the entire three years of the major in Bloomington. Likewise, students admitted to other campuses (IUPUI, Kokomo, etc.) will spend the entire three years of the major on the campus where they accept an offer of admission.

How many students are admitted to Bloomington?
The Bloomington campus admits only one time each year and will admit 80 students for the fall 2017 semester. The spaces available at IUPUI will vary depending on the total number of applicants and available instructional resources. IUPUI admits for both fall and spring semesters (approximately 90 students in fall and 90 students in spring).

Is it harder to get into Bloomington than it is IUPUI?
No. 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 science course is required for admission?
Basic Human Anatomy (ANAT-A 215) is required. If a pre-nursing student is unable to enroll in ANAT-A 215 on the Bloomington campus (and the student has waitlisted the class in fall and spring semesters), the School of Nursing in Bloomington will accept Human Physiology (PHSL-P 215) on the application. Please contact a nursing advisor with your questions. If you have taken Physiology but still need to take Anatomy, you must successfully complete an approved Human Anatomy course during the summer session (2017) prior to the first semester of your nursing courses. The School of Nursing will not accept online courses for anatomy, physiology or microbiology, even if taken at another IU campus.

What can I do to improve my chances of admission?
Grades from the classes you are currently taking will count in the final admission decisions. IUB has many campus resources for students to help with tutoring, time management, and study skills and you are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity. Take advantage of your instructor’s office hours and any open lab times. Don’t wait until the last week to seek help.
Is there anything else you recommend to improve my chances of admission?
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), [http://www.jobshadow.com/category/health-care/](http://www.jobshadow.com/category/health-care/) and [www.explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org) will also help students understand the demands and rewards of a career in nursing.

What can I do if I'm not admitted?
There are many options. You may apply again during a future admission cycle (spring semesters at IUPUI or fall semesters at any Core campus). You can continue to take the general education requirements, possibly taking some courses over in an effort to improve your Science and GenEd GPAs for the nursing application. In the meantime however, you will want to have an alternate major or other nursing program that you are taking classes for, or are working toward, so that you will be on track to graduate in a timely manner. You may also work toward completing a minor, IUB General Education courses or use this time for overseas study. It is recommended that you consult a nursing advisor and the School of Nursing web site to explore these options.

Does the School of Nursing maintain an “Alternate List” if I am not admitted?
In case anyone should decline an offer of admission, the School of Nursing keeps a list until the beginning of fall semester of students who could possibly be admitted as alternates. The alternate list does not extend beyond the start of fall semester. Students not admitted for the fall 2017 semester must re-apply for 2018 admission. Applications are not carried over from one semester to another.

Can I increase my chances for admission based on how I rank my preferences on the application?
No. The School of Nursing ranks all applicants in accordance with their overall pre-nursing application rating, highest to lowest. When we get to your name on the list of applicants, we immediately look at your first preference (e.g., IUB or IUPUI). If space is available, that is where you will be offered admission. If space is not available, we will immediately look at your second choice. If there is a space available at your second campus preference, you will be offered admission there. There is no increase or decrease in your overall chance for admission based on the rank of your preferences.

What grades will I need in order to gain admission?
The minimum nursing or application GPA required is a 3.0, and the minimum IU cumulative GPA required is a 2.70 but the majority of applicants far exceed these minimums.

Will my grades from spring semester count into the admission GPA?
Absolutely. Courses taken in spring can should be used on the nursing application. Admission decisions for the fall cohort are not final until after the spring semester is complete. (NOTE: If applying to IUPUI for spring admission, all required courses must be completed by end of the summer session to be eligible to apply).

When will I hear the final admission results?

Are there any mandatory meetings I need to attend?
All students planning to apply to the School of Nursing for fall 2017 attend a Mandatory Application Information session prior to making application to the School. Admitted nursing students attend a mandatory School of Nursing orientation held the Friday before the fall semester (i.e., Semester 3) begins.

Do I need to contact the Office of Admissions to apply for admission at IUPUI or regional campuses since I have also listed them as a preference on the application?
Yes. If you decide to apply to ANY other IU campus - or if you list a campus other than IUB as either your first or second choice on the nursing application, you MUST apply for a permanent intercampus transfer by the nursing application deadlines for that campus or you will not be admitted to the new campus, and therefore will not able to be admitted to the Nursing program.
I currently do not meet the eligibility requirements. Can I still apply for admission?
No. You must meet the minimum IU cumulative GPA of 2.7 and the nursing GPA of 3.0 at the time you apply to the School of Nursing.

I received less than a grade of C in a student-selected general education course. Should I retake the same course?
Not necessarily. In the case of student-selected general education courses, you should consult with a nursing advisor to determine the best course of action.

If I am eligible for admission to one IU nursing program, am I eligible to all of them?
Not necessarily. Students who apply through the Bloomington campus and are considered eligible for admission to Bloomington will also be considered eligible for admission to Indianapolis (IUPUI) - if they select IUPUI as a choice on their application. Admission requirements and the application process on other IU campuses vary among campuses and you may not necessarily meet those requirements. If you are interested in meeting the eligibility requirements on campuses other than Bloomington or Indianapolis, please contact an IUB nursing advisor for more information.

Are there additional nursing fees that are assessed of nursing students?
In addition to tuition, a Nursing Program fee will be applied to all courses taken during the 2016-2017 academic year for admitted nursing students. The fee for 2016-2017 is $88.35 per credit hour. Program fees are assessed on all courses once a student is admitted to Nursing. This includes any General Education courses and courses taken for a minor. Nursing clinical fees are also assessed for courses with a clinical practicum. For 2016-2017, this fee is $315.25 per course for NURS-B 235, NURS-B 245, NURS-B 260, NURS-B 334, NURS-H 356, NURS-H 360, NURS-H 371, NURS-L 430, NURS-H 476, NURS-B 444, NURS-B 453 and NURS-S 483. Students are also required to purchase ATI testing and NCLEX review materials.
Appendix A

Indiana University School of Nursing Campus Advisor Contact Information

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Appendix B

Indiana University School of Nursing
Required Student Legal Disclosure

Requirement to Disclose

The Indiana University School of Nursing (IUSON) requires you to complete the attached Student Disclosure Form. Pursuant to state law, an applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse must not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the individual’s ability to practice nursing competently nor have committed an act that would constitute a ground for disciplinary sanction under state law.

While a criminal history is not an automatic barrier to consideration for admission to IUSON, each applicant will be considered on a case by case basis. Applicants are advised that the School relies on third parties, such as hospitals and other health facilities, to provide clinical education and that a criminal history can affect the School’s ability to find a placement; IUSON has no control over these third parties and the School makes no guarantee that it can place any student with a criminal history.

Candor about the applicant’s criminal history is highly important: failure to disclose may result in the withdrawal of acceptance or, in the case of an accepted or matriculated student, dismissal from IUSON.

You are required to notify an IUSON academic counselor on the campus to which you are seeking or granted admission within 7 business days of any changes in your status. This notification is in addition to the National Criminal Background check, which is required of all admitted IUSON students and completed annually. Failure to disclose new convictions or pending legal actions that appear on the annual criminal background check constitutes falsification. Falsification is a violation of the Indiana University Student Code of Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct and will result in action per university policy (which can include program dismissal).

Full Disclosure Required

Applicants are required to disclose any convictions or pending legal actions in writing – unless the charges have been expunged or your records have been sealed. You must report anything that may come up on a national background check. You must complete this form to the best of your ability. This means that your answers must be truthful, accurate and complete. If in doubt, consult with your attorney.

1. I understand that if I have a criminal history issue disclosed on my application, I may be required to submit to and pay any costs required for a criminal background check. I understand that information obtained from a criminal background check may result in a failure to be approved for required placement assignments, and as such may result in my inability to be admitted to the IU School of Nursing programs.

2. I understand that if I am conditionally admitted that I must submit to and pay any costs required for criminal background checks. I understand that information obtained from a criminal background check may result in a failure to be approved for required placement assignments, and as such may result in my inability or progress through the IU School of Nursing programs.

3. I understand a clinical agency may require additional components of a criminal background check, other than those required by the School of Nursing, as well as drug screening. I understand I am required to pay for any and all criminal background checks and drug screens required.

4. The School of Nursing and/or campus will review the Indiana Sex Offenders Registry for each nursing student prior to admission and may do so periodically after admission. I understand that the results of such check will affect my ability to participate in IUSON programs.
5. I understand I must disclose in writing any convictions of any misdemeanors or felonies in Indiana, any State, or other jurisdiction. I understand if an assigned clinical agency does not accept me as a nursing student based on my criminal background, it may result in an inability to progress through the IU School of Nursing programs, as such required agency placements are prerequisites to the completion of any School of Nursing degree.

6. I understand the IUSON School of Nursing reserves the authority to determine my eligibility to be admitted to the program and/or progress in the program. I understand that my criminal background check will be a factor used to determine my eligibility for admission to the program.

____________________________________  ________________________
Signature                                      Date

____________________________________________
Printed Name
Indiana University School of Nursing Student Disclosure Form

Applicants to the Indiana University School of Nursing are required to disclose any convictions or pending legal actions which have not been expunged or sealed by a court.

1. Name of Student (Print) _________________________________________________

2. Maiden Name if Applicable (Print): ________________________________________

3. Enter All Other Names Used (Print): ____________________________

4. Student ID: ____________________________________________________________

5. Date of Birth: __________________________________________________________

6. Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offense that has not been expunged by a court? If you are not certain of the status of your criminal offense, it is your responsibility to consult your attorney to answer this question accurately. ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If the answer above is “yes,” set forth the dates and details here. Include the city, state and county where the offense occurred (use additional sheets if necessary):

7. Are there any pending criminal charges that have been filed against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If the answer above is “yes,” set forth the dates and details here. Include the city, state and county where the charges have been filed (use additional sheets if necessary):

8. Are you currently participating in a pre-trial diversion program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If the answer above is “yes,” set forth the dates and details here. Include the city, state and county where you are participating in this program. Include the date of disposition (conviction) and the date when the program will be completed (use additional sheets if necessary):

I understand that providing false or misleading information regarding my criminal history, failing to disclose the requested information, or not successfully passing any required criminal history check may result in the withdrawal of admission or, in the case of accepted or matriculated students, dismissal from the Indiana University School of Nursing.

Date: ____________________________ Signature: _________________________________

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