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SCHOOL OF NURSING  
Bloomington

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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.

#### **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 50 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 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 N&M) course** (3-5 credits)

**Elementary Composition** (3 credits)

**Introduction to Psychology** (3 credits)

**Introductory Sociology** (3 credits)

## Professional Accreditations, IUB

- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Indiana State Board of Nursing
- American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation
- North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools



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## University Division Advising

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## Office of First Year Experience Programs

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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. Students must have a minimum grade of C in all required and general education pre-requisite courses.

- Students must also meet a **chemistry** requirement. Students who have 2 semesters (or 2 trimesters) of high school chemistry with a grade of C or higher in each may use this to fulfill the requirement. If a student does not have high school chemistry, then a one semester college course (with a grade of C) must be completed.
- 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 must also complete a **pre-admission TEAS V** exam. ATI Testing (<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 in the fall semester (and may be repeated one time in the spring semester, if necessary). **It is VERY important that you contact a nursing advisor BEFORE you set up your ATI account because there are specific instructions to set up your ATI 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) 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 2 day 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 Advisor's New Students Website <http://ud.indiana.edu/new-students/index.shtml>. Students should read the Nursing section on the New Students 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 need to print off, complete and bring the **Academic Interests Worksheet for Nursing** with them to their summer advising session.

Students may elect to take **Advanced Placement** and/or **Dual Credit** courses in high school or may earn special departmental credit (through examinations). Up to six credit hours of these credits *may* be used on the nursing application. Please consult with a nursing advisor for more information. The Office of Admissions website has current AP articulation information:

<http://admit.indiana.edu/apply/freshmen/standards/advanced.shtml>.



The IU School of Nursing is one school with various programs on eight campuses: Bloomington (IUB), Columbus (IUPUC), Indianapolis (IUPUI), Gary (IUN), Kokomo (IUK), New Albany (IUS), Richmond (IUE), and South Bend (IUSB).

### **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 course 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 course 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 course work 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.**

### **NURSING and PRE-NURSING SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The School of Nursing offers nursing scholarships which become available online in late spring. For information: <http://www.nursing.iupui.edu/cost/ugrad.shtml>. **All students must complete the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form by the March deadline to be eligible to apply** (see the Office of Student Financial Assistance webpage for a link to this form). 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 their scholarship or financial aid will transfer.

### **Financial Aid Information Office of Student Financial Assistance**

601 East Kirkwood Avenue  
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Bloomington, IN 47405  
(812) 855-0321  
Fax: (812) 855-7615  
Web site:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~sfa>

## Suggested 4 Year BSN Degree Completion Plan (IU Bloomington)

50 credits hours General Education, 75 credit hours Nursing core courses

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Fall Semester Courses</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Spring Semester Courses</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
<b>Pre-Nursing</b> 29-31 credits (courses are interchangeable between semesters)	<b>**ANAT A215 - Human Anatomy (5 cr.)</b> <b>**English Composition Course (3 cr.)</b> <b>**Introductory Sociology – (3 cr.)</b> Communication Course (3 cr.) <b>**Required Courses for Nursing Application</b>	Total of 14 credit hours	<b>**Introductory Psychology (3 cr.)</b> <b>**Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster Course (3 -5 cr.)</b> <b>**Finite Math or Calculus 211 or 213 Course (3 - 4 cr.)</b> Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.) Social & Historical Studies Course (3 cr.)	Total of 15 credit hours
<b>Nursing Curriculum</b> <i>Semester 3 &amp; 4</i> Clinical: 8 hrs/week	<b>Semester 3</b> PHSL P215 – Human Physiology (5 cr.) NURS B230 – Dev. Issues & Health (4 cr.) NURS B232 -- Intro to Disc. of Nursing (3 cr.) NURS B244/B245 – Comprehensive Health Assessment with lab Practicum (4 cr. total)	Total of 16 credit hours	<b>Semester 4</b> BIOL M 200+BIOL M215 - Microbiology Lecture/Lab (4 cr. total) NURS B231 - Comm. Skills for Health Professionals (3 cr.) NURS B233 -Health & Wellness (4 cr.) NURS B248/B249 - Science & Tech. of Nursing & Practicum (4 cr. total)	Total of 15 credit hours
<b>Nursing Curriculum</b> <i>Semester 5 &amp; 6</i> Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week	<b>Semester 5</b> NURS H351/H352 - Neuro-psych Health with Clinical Practicum (Psychiatric nursing) (5 cr.) NURS H353/H354 - Alterations in Health I with clinical Practicum (Med/Surg Nursing) (5 cr. total) NURS H355 - Data Analysis (Statistics) (3 cr.) World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.)	Total of 16 credit hours	<b>Semester 6</b> NURS H361/H362- Alterations in Health II, with Clinical Practicum (Med/Surg. Nursing) (5 cr. total) NURS H363/H364 – Developing, Family & Child w/clinical Practicum (OB/Peds Nursing) (7 cr. total) NURS H365 –Evidence Based Research (3 cr.) World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.)	Total of 18 credit hours
<b>Nursing Curriculum</b> <i>Semester 7 &amp; 8</i> Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week	<b>Semester 7</b> NURS S470/S471 - Restorative Health with clinical Practicum (Critical Care Nursing) (5 cr. total) NURS S481/S482 Nursing Mgmt with clinical Practicum (5 cr. total) NURS S474 – Applied Health Care Ethics (3 cr.) Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.)	Total of 16 credit hours	<b>Semester 8</b> NURS S472/S473 - Community Health Alterations with clinical Practicum (5 cr. total) NURS S483 Nursing Practice Capstone (3 cr.) NURS S484 – Evidence Based Practice (1 cr.) NURS S485 Professional Growth & Empowerment (3 cr.) Elective (3 cr.)	Total of 15 credit hours

## Admission Criteria –Fall 2013 (IUB, IUPUI, IUPUC)

### Science GPA (50% of admission score)

- **Anatomy – (R = required)** (5 credits) – lab is required (ANAT-A 215)
- **Finite Math or Calculus - R** (3-4 credits) – (MATH M118, S118, V118 – only Finite Math for Soc. & Biol. Sciences topic, D116/117, M211 or M213)
- **Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster or N&M Science course - R** (3-5 credits)

### General Education GPA (30% of admission score)

- **English Composition - R** (3 cr.) – (ENG-W 131, W170 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 clusters to total 29-31 credits:
  - Communication Cluster (1 course max)
  - Social Competence Cluster (Social & Historical Studies requirement) (1 course max)
  - Cultural Diversity Cluster (World Languages or World Cultures) (2 courses max) and/or
  - Humanistic Appreciation Cluster (Arts & Humanities requirement) (1 course max)

### Pre Admission TEAS V Test (20% of admission score)

- Test of Essential Academic Skills
- 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.
- Grade of C or higher for each course by second completed attempt.
- IU Cumulative GPA - must be at least 2.7 at the time of application to Nursing.
- Chemistry Competency - chemistry requirement may be met with 2 semesters (or 2 trimesters) of high school chemistry (grade of C or better) OR one college level chemistry course (College and/or HS chemistry must be less than 7 years old at the time of admission).
- Required Anatomy and Math courses must be less than 7 years old at the time of admission.
- Submit required Student Legal Disclosure form as part of the online application.
- Two Advanced Placement or special departmental credit courses *may* be able to be used on application (one course may be used toward the Science GPA and one course may be used toward the General Education GPA) - up to a maximum 6 credit hour limit.
- Effective for Spring 2013 admissions, a maximum of two attempts for any required course (**R**) is allowed; a maximum of 9 credit hours may be repeated and the grade used on the second attempt will be used to calculate the GPAs for admission purposes. A repeated course is defined as *any* attempt to improve the grade.
- Undistributed credit may be used to satisfy requirements for Communication and/or Critical/Analytical/Science clusters or elective credit only.

**NOTE: Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.**

### **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 not admitted?*** All students are encouraged to think about a contingency plan - and every student 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. Some students also work toward completing a minor or use this time for overseas study. It is recommended that students consult a nursing advisor to explore other nursing options. The Health Professions and Prelaw Center website at IUB is an excellent resource for students considering other health care majors offered at IUB. See the "Health Professions Descriptions" pdf on their Other Health Professions webpage for more information.

***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.

***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.cfml>. Also be sure to read through the "A-Z Guide to Residence Hall Living" under the Current Students tab for more information.

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