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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.

Strategic Goals for 2010-2013

- *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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This document was prepared for IU Bloomington students by the IU Bloomington School of Nursing. Specific requirements and policies are subject to change at any time. Students are responsible for obtaining the most current information directly from each IU nursing program in which they have an interest.

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, IUPUI, and Columbus 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 60 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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Academic Advising Offices:

Pre-nursing students and prospective students (and families) may call (812) 855-1736 or (812) 855-6875 to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

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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/mapredirect.pl?select=BL149&Go=Go%21>. (Once there, scroll down in the “Campus Locations” block and click on “Sycamore Hall”.)

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 Northwest – Gary (IUNW) 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 - <http://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 NCLEX is administered by the National Council on State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), 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 applying for admission to the **traditional BSN track** for the Spring Semester 2012 (at IUPUI) and Fall 2012 (at IUB, IUPUI and IUPUC), the admission policy and procedure will reflect 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 TEAS V (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 \$62,450 in May 2008. The middle 50 percent earned between \$51,640 and \$76,570. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$43,410, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$92,240. Median annual wages in the industries employing the largest numbers of registered nurses in May 2008 were:

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| Employment services | \$68,160 |
| General medical and surgical hospitals | 63,880 |
| Offices of physicians | 59,210 |
| Home health care services | 58,740 |
| Nursing care facilities | 57,060 |

Many employers offer flexible work schedules, child care, educational benefits, and bonuses. About 21 percent of registered nurses are union members or covered by union contract.

***Source: 2010-2011 Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco/pdf/ocos083.pdf)**

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, 2012. 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. Fulfill the School of Nursing chemistry requirement (see page 11).
4. 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 credit Critical/Analytical/Science course in addition to 2-4 general education courses. Anatomy, Math and Chemistry courses must be less than 7 years old at the time of admission.
5. Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.70 at the time the student's application is submitted.
6. Achieve a minimum Nursing GPA of 3.0 in the required pre-requisite nursing and general education courses listed on the application.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Complete all required course work, including "Incompletes", by established deadlines (see page 17).
10. 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.
11. Submit the online nursing application including the Student Disclosure Form, and a high school transcript (if required to demonstrate completion of the Chemistry requirement) to the School of Nursing by March 15, 2012 for fall 2012 admission or by September 30, 2011 for spring 2012 admission.
12. Students applying to the IUSON nursing program 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.
13. Complete the Pre-admission TEAS V test one week prior to the application deadlines.
14. If admitted, sign and return acceptance form by 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).

Admission Criteria – Spring, 2012 and Fall 2012

IUB (Bloomington –fall 2012), IUPUI (Indianapolis – spring 2012, fall 2012) and IUPUC (Columbus –fall 2012)

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 – “Finite Math for Social & Biological Sciences” only, D116/117, M211 or M213)
- **Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster 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 (Test of Essential Academic Skills) (20% of admission score)

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

Other Criteria

- Nursing GPA (all courses listed on the nursing application) – must be at least a 3.0.
- 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.
- May use up to two Advanced Placement or special departmental credit courses on application (one course may be used toward Science GPA and one course may be used toward General Education GPA).
- 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 and different courses taken within the same category (e.g. PSY-P 101 and PSY-P 102) will count as a repeated course.
- Undistributed credit may be used to satisfy requirements for Communication and/or Critical/Analytical/Science clusters or elective credit only.
- Students applying to any other campus (including listing IUPUI as a 2nd choice on the nursing application) must complete a Permanent Intercampus Transfer form by the application deadline.
- Transfer students are **STRONGLY** recommended to meet with a nursing advisor (see pages 12-13)
- **Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.**

IU Bloomington Sample Completion Plan for applicants for Fall 2012 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Coursework in the BSN curriculum is divided into two separate areas (total 125 credits):

- 50 credit hours of general education course work, including 3 hours of electives.
- 75 credit hours of core nursing course work: Focus 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, 2012. Admission to the major is competitive, based on academic achievement in pre-nursing courses and a pre-admission TEAS V test.

| <i>Semester</i> | <i>Fall Semester Courses</i> | <i>Cr.</i> | <i>Spring Semester Courses</i> | <i>Cr.</i> |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Pre-Nursing 29-31 credits (courses are interchangeable between semesters) | **ANAT A215 - Human Anatomy (5 cr.) **English Composition Course (3 cr.) **Introductory Sociology – (3 cr.) Communication Course (3 cr.) **Required Courses for Nursing Application | Total of 14 credit hours | **Introductory Psychology **Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster Course (3 cr.) **Finite Math Course (or Calculus 211 or 213) (3 - 4 cr.) Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.) Social & Historical Studies Course (3 cr.) | Total of 15 credit hours |
| Nursing Curriculum Semester 3 & 4 Clinical: 8 hrs/week | Semester 3 PHSL- P 215 – Human Physiology (5 cr.) NURS-B 230 – Dev. Issues & Health (4 cr.) NURS-B 232 -- Intro Disc. of Nursing (3 cr.) NURS-B 244/B245 – Comprehensive Health Assessment with lab Practicum (4 cr. total) | Total of 16 credit hours | Semester 4 BIOL-M 200+BIOL- M 215 - Microbiology Lecture/Lab (4 cr. total) NURS-B 231 - Comm. Skills for Health Prof. (3 cr.) NURS-B 233 -Health & Wellness (4 cr.) NURS-B 248/B249 - Science & Tech. of Nursing & Practicum (4 cr. total) | Total of 15 credit hours |
| Nursing Curriculum Semester 5 & 6 Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week | Semester 5 NURS-H 351/H352 - Neuro-psych Health with Clinical Practicum (Psychiatric nursing) (5 cr.) NURS-H 353/H354 - Alterations in Health I w/ Clinical Practicum (Med/Surg Nursing) (5 cr.) NURS- H 355 - Data Analysis (Statistics) (3 cr.) World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.) | Total of 16 credit hours | Semester 6 NURS-H 361/H362- Alterations in Health II, with Clinical Practicum (Med/Surg. Nursing) (5 cr. total) NURS-H 363/H364 – Developing. Family & Child w/clinical Practicum (OB/Peds Nursing) (7 cr. total) NURS-H 365 –Evidence Based Research (3 cr.) World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.) | Total of 18 credit hours |
| Nursing Curriculum Semester 7 & 8 Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week | Semester 7 NURS-S 470/S471 - Restorative Health with clinical Practicum (Critical Care Nursing) (5 cr. total) NURS-S 472/S473 - Community Health Alterations with clinical Practicum (5 cr. total) NURS-S 474 – Applied Health Care Ethics (3 cr.) Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.) | Total of 16 credit hours | Semester 8 NURS-S 481/S482 Nursing Mgmt w/ Clinical Practicum (5 cr. total) NURS-S 483 Nursing Practice Capstone (3 cr.) NURS-S 484 – Evidence Based Practice (1 cr.) NURS-S 485 Prof. Growth & Empowerment (3 cr.) Elective (3 cr.) | Total of 15 credit hours |

**IUSON and IUB General Education Requirements (combined)
(effective for students matriculating summer 2011 and after)**

| Course Name | Credit hours | IUSON Application Requirement | IUB Gen. Ed. Requirement |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster (Natural & Mathematical Science) | | | |
| <i>Basic Human Anatomy (ANAT-A 215)</i> | 5 | Yes | <i>Yes - N & M</i> |
| <i>Finite Math (MATH-M 118, S118, V118 "Soc. & Biol. Sci." or D116/ D117) or Calculus (M 211, M 213)</i> | 3-4 | Yes | <i>Yes - Foundations</i> |
| Critical/Analytical/Science Course (Nursing only) | 3-5 | Yes | N/A |
| Basic Human Physiology (PHSL-P 215) | 5 | No | <i>Yes - N & M - N/A for nursing</i> |
| Microorganisms in Nature & Disease (with lab) (BIOL-M 200/215) | 3,1 | No | N/A |
| Communication Cluster | | | |
| <i>English Composition (ENG-W 131, W170 or CMLT-C 110)</i> | 0-3 | Yes | <i>Yes - Foundations</i> |
| Communication Cluster Course (Nursing only) | 3 | <i>No*</i> | N/A |
| Social Competence Cluster (Social & Historical Studies) | | | |
| Psychology (PSY-P 101, P102, P106 or P155) | 3 | Yes | <i>Yes (P101, P106, P155) - N & M; P102 - S & H</i> |
| <i>Sociology (SOC-S 100, S101 or S230)</i> | 3 | Yes | <i>Yes - S & H</i> |
| <i>Social & Historical Studies Course</i> | 3 | <i>No*</i> | <i>Yes - S & H</i> |
| Cultural Diversity Cluster (World Language or World Culture) | | | |
| <i>World Language or Culture Course</i> | 3 | <i>No*</i> | <i>Yes - WL or WC</i> |
| <i>World Language or Culture Course</i> | 3 | <i>No*</i> | <i>Yes - WL or WC</i> |
| Humanistic Appreciation Cluster (Arts & Humanities) | | | |
| <i>Arts & Humanities Course</i> | 3 | <i>No*</i> | <i>Yes - A & H</i> |
| <i>Arts & Humanities Course</i> | 3 | NO | <i>Yes - A & H</i> |
| Elective | 3 | NO | N/A |

Students need 29-31 credit hours for the IUSON (IU School of Nursing) application. Six courses are required and are listed in **bold** type above. These six courses are ~ 20 credit hours so the remaining 9-11 credit hours are fulfilled with 2-4 courses listed above with an *. **Courses in BLUE italic font fulfill General Education requirements.**

Students must complete the chemistry requirement for nursing in one of two ways: 1.) students must have completed two semesters (or 2 trimesters) of high school chemistry with a grade of C or better in each semester (trimester) or 2.) Students will need to complete a college chemistry course with a grade of C or better. The recommended chemistry courses are CHEM-C 100 or CHEM-C 101 (and the CHEM-C 121 lab is optional). This chemistry course *may* be used to fulfill the C/A/S cluster requirement. **All chemistry courses must be completed within 7 years of admission to the IUSON.**

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 2011-2012 General Education Bulletin website: <http://www.iu.edu/~bulletin/iub/general-education/2011-2012/>

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 is required. The general education portion of the BSN curriculum consists of 47 credit hours of course work divided into five distinct “clusters”, plus 3 hours of electives (electives 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 new IUB GenEd curriculum. Returning students will use the 2010-2011 Nursing Cluster Lists (found on the IUB School of Nursing website) to aid in selecting courses to fulfill cluster requirements. Returning students may have only one Humanistic Appreciation cluster course but have a total of 6 credit hours of electives.

IUSON General Education Clusters:

1.) Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster (Nursing Only) (fulfills the Natural & Mathematical Science requirement) Courses in the Critical/Analytical/Science cluster 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.

The Critical/Analytical/Science cluster requires the completion of twenty credit hours of approved courses for the degree. 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). Three additional credit hours come from an approved C/A/S cluster course (or IU GenEd N&M course). Students fulfill the IUB GenEd Natural & Mathematical Science requirement with ANAT-A 215.

Students must also take Finite Math or a 200 level Calculus course. The Finite Math courses (listed below) fulfill the IUB GenEd Mathematical Modeling Foundations course requirement.

Students who have not fulfilled the high school chemistry requirement must take a college chemistry course (which *may* be used to fulfill the C/A/S cluster). The required science and math (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and Finite Math) and Chemistry course(s) must be less than seven years old at the time of admission.

- **Math Requirement**
Students applying to the School of Nursing must take Finite Math (MATH-A 118, MATH-D 116 and MATH-D 117, MATH-M 118 or MATH-V 118 “Finite Math for Social and Biological Sciences” topic only). Calculus I (MATH-M 211) or Accelerated Calculus (MATH-M 213) is also accepted.
- **Chemistry Requirement**
Students who have not completed two semesters (or trimesters) of high school chemistry with a “C” or above in each semester (or trimester) are required to take a college chemistry course prior to admission to the nursing major. Recommended courses are: CHEM-C 100 or CHEM-C 101 (lecture and discussion only – lab is optional). (Please note: If a student is using high school chemistry to fulfill the chemistry requirement for the nursing application, the grades received in high school must be at least a C and the grades **are not calculated** into the nursing GPA on the application.)

2.) Communication Cluster (Nursing Only)

Courses in the Communication cluster are important to the development of an accurate understanding of the written and spoken word. This cluster of courses also emphasizes the use of technology in managing, transferring, and enhancing the use and sharing of information.

The Communication cluster requires the completion of six credit hours of approved courses for the degree. Three of these credits are specified as Elementary Composition (which fulfills the IUB GenEd English Composition Foundation requirement), while the student is able to choose the remaining three credits from the communication cluster course lists.

- Foreign language credit determined by placement testing can also be counted as communication cluster credit as long as the credit appears on the student’s transcript.
- American Sign Language and 100 - 200 level foreign language classes will count in this cluster.

3.) Social Competence Cluster (fulfills the Social & Historical Studies requirement)

IUSON general education courses in the Social Competence cluster, 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.

The Social Competence cluster requires the completion of nine credit hours of approved courses for the degree. Six of these credits are specified through Introductory Psychology (PSY-P 101*, PSY-P 102*, PSY-P 155 or PSY-P 106) and Introduction to Sociology (SOC-S 100), Social Problems and Policies (SOC-S 101) or Society & the Individual (SOC-S 230). The remaining three credits can be met by any course listed as an approved IUB GenEd Social and Historical Studies course (for new IUB students) or the IUSON Social Competence cluster list (returning IUB students). *signifies best options

4.) Cultural Diversity Cluster (fulfills the World Language or World Culture requirement)

IUSON general education courses in the Cultural Diversity cluster 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 Cultural Diversity cluster requires the completion of six credit hours of approved courses for the degree, chosen from the IUB GenEd World Languages and World Cultures course lists course (for new IUB students) or the IUSON Cultural Diversity cluster list (returning IUB students). A student may take one or two cultural diversity courses prior to admission but credits in this cluster 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 **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.

5.) Humanistic Appreciation Cluster (fulfills the Arts and Humanities requirement)

The Humanistic Appreciation cluster is important in developing an understanding of human nature and helps students develop a strong sense of aesthetics. A student may take one Arts and Humanities course prior to admission but credits in this cluster are not required to apply to the School of Nursing.

For students matriculating IUB summer 2011 and after, the Humanistic Appreciation cluster requires the completion of six credit hours of approved courses for the degree. This requirement can be met by any course listed as an approved IUB GenEd Arts and Humanities course. **A student will take two Arts and Humanities courses to complete their IUB GenEd degree requirements but only one course may be used for the nursing application.** For students who matriculated to IUB prior to summer 2011, only three credit hours of Humanistic Appreciation cluster courses may be used on the nursing application. Humanistic Appreciation cluster courses are found on the IUSON webpage.

Electives

For students matriculating IUB summer 2011 and after, three additional credit hours are needed to complete the BSN degree requirements (returning students need six hours of electives). 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 16) 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 an 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. Please note that 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. There is one nursing elective course (offered at IUB) that students may take prior to being admitted to the School of Nursing: NURS-K 492 – Nursing Elective (variable topics course - 3 cr.). Cluster credit is assigned based upon the topic of the course. Contact the nursing advisor if you have questions.

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, IUPUI and IUPUC. Applicants for admission at IUB, IUPUI and IUPUC are placed into one of three categories listed below.

Category A – CORE Campus Applicants - IUB (Bloomington), IUPUI (Indianapolis) and IUPUC (Columbus): Indiana University students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing course 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, Indianapolis and Columbus campuses, if they have earned at least 51% of their pre-nursing course credits listed on their application at IUB (Bloomington), IUPUC (Columbus), or IUPUI (Indianapolis).

Category B – INTERCAMPUS TRANSFERS: Students who have taken at least 51% of their pre-nursing course work on an Indiana University campus other than IUB, IUPUI or IUPUC 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 course work outside the Indiana University educational system who now wish to complete their nursing major at IUB (Bloomington), IUPUI (Indianapolis) or IUPUC (Columbus).

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.

Application/Admission requirements are the same for IU Bloomington, IUPUI and IUPUC but they may vary for the regional campuses. 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. Students may use up to 49% transfer coursework (or approximately 14-15 credit hours) on the nursing application. 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://www.transferin.net/index.aspx>).

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.
- Students must complete all general education courses with a grade of "C" or higher.
- According to School of Nursing policy, grades lower than a "C" constitutes a "failed" course. If a student has **more than three failures in required 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 campus or program.
- These criteria also apply to students who wish to transfer required courses from a higher education institution other than Indiana University (all branches).

New Repeated Course Policy will be in effect for Spring 2013 and Fall 2013 - see new policy in textbox on page 14

Repeated Course Policy (effective for Spring 2012 and Fall 2012 admissions – only)

The School of Nursing defines a repeated course as taking the course *a second time* because a grade of "C" or higher was not achieved on the first attempt, i.e., the course was failed.

- The School of Nursing will allow applicants to repeat a maximum of three *required* general education cluster courses (to a maximum of 13 credits) if the course was failed the first time. **This policy applies to the following required general education courses:**

- Human Anatomy*
- Human Physiology*
- Microbiology*
- Finite Math (or 200 level Calculus)*
- Elementary Composition
- Introductory Psychology
- Introductory Sociology

*Critical/Analytical/Science (CAS) Courses

- **NOTE: Only two CAS course failures** (i.e., grade of less than "C") **are allowed.**
 - For repeated courses which are also listed on the application, the repeated grade will be the grade used in admission calculations for the Nursing GPA.

Grade Replacement Policy (effective for Spring 2012 and Fall 2012 admissions – only)

- Any general education course that was not initially failed (i.e., if the first grade was a "C" or higher) may be retaken in an attempt to improve the grade.
- The most recent grade from the course will be used on the nursing application (even if it is lower than the first time the course was taken).

- **Example:** If a student takes SOC-S100 and obtains a "B-" on the first attempt and a "B+" on the second attempt, the "B+" will be used on the application. If the second attempt is a "C+", the "C+" will be used on the application.

- IUSON sets no limit on the number of such courses that a student may retake for a higher grade.

Repeated Course Policy (Effective for Spring 2013 and Fall 2013 admission)

Effective for Spring 2013 admission, the School of Nursing allows a maximum of two attempts for any required course (R). A repeated course is defined as *any* attempt to improve the grade and different courses taken within the same category (e.g. SOC-S 100 and SOC-S 101) will count as a repeated course.

The School of Nursing will allow applicants to repeat a maximum of nine credit hours of required courses (R). The grade on the second attempt will be used to calculate the GPAs for admission purposes. **This policy applies to the following required Nursing general education courses:**

- Human Anatomy
- Human Physiology
- Microorganisms in Nature & Disease (Microbiology)
- Finite Math (or 200 level Calculus)
- Elementary Composition
- Introductory Psychology
- Introductory Sociology

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>).

For any questions about the repeated course and eligibility policies, 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, departmental exams) if it appears on a student's transcript as an IU Bloomington approved course. To fulfill IUB GenEd requirements, the credit will apply toward the same GenEd Common Ground requirement as the IU Bloomington course in that category.

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 General Education GPA).

"Pass/Fail" (P/F) course work may *not* be counted toward the BSN degree. However, a student earning "Satisfactory" (S) grades for special credit (e.g., "testing out" of foreign language) or taking an exam for college credit noted on the transcript as "T" credit, can use these grades to meet elective general education requirements within the BSN curriculum as long as they are recorded on the student's IU transcript. **NOTE:** Students may use "S" or "T" credit for no more than two courses on their nursing application (one toward Science GPA and one toward General Ed GPA).

7-Year Limit on Math/Science/Chemistry Courses

Required science and math courses (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, and Finite Math) must be less than seven years old at the time of admission. This rule also applies to chemistry. There is also a seven year limit on Statistics Courses and Lifespan Development courses should the student wish to use these courses for the appropriate cluster. Please see the nursing advisor if your 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. Students whose composition status is "exemption *without credit*" do not have to take Elementary Composition. However, such students will still need to earn six credits in the communication cluster prior to graduation. Students whose composition status is "exemption *with credit*" will not have to take Elementary Composition and will have the composition credit applied toward the communication cluster.

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 Communication and/or Critical/Analytical/Science clusters on the nursing application or undistributed credit may be used as elective credit. 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. Final decisions on utilization of undistributed credit will be made by the Assistant Director of Student Services and the Assistant Dean for the Bloomington campus.

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 for students who matriculated IUB prior to summer 2011, cluster and/or general education requirements will be considered "met" if the student is within one credit hour

of the total hours required by the cluster. 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 125 hours) required for graduation. Additional elective credits will cover the cluster course credits when the student is short credits. The maximum credit that can be covered in a cluster is 1 credit. Contact a nursing advisor for questions.

For the nursing degree for students who matriculated IUB in the summer of 2011 or after, Critical/Analytical/Science or Communication cluster requirements will be considered “met” if the student is within one credit hour of the total hours required by the cluster. 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 125 hours) required for graduation. Additional elective credits will cover the cluster course credits when the student is short credits. This policy cannot apply to the Social Competence cluster (fulfilling the IU GenEd Social and Historical Studies requirement), Cultural Diversity cluster (fulfilling the IU GenEd World Language or World Culture requirement) or Humanistic Appreciation cluster (fulfilling the Arts and Humanities IU GenEd requirement) since students must meet the IU GenEd credit hour requirements in these clusters. 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 application hours and are calculated in the nursing admission GPA (please see a nursing advisor if you feel this is applicable to you). For example, if a student has taken ENG-W 131 – Elementary Composition (3 cr.) and HISP-S 105 – First Year Spanish (4 cr.) – all 7 credits could be used on the nursing application in the Communication Cluster.

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), IUE (Richmond), and IUSB (South Bend.) Nursing majors cannot take one of these courses elsewhere and take the other here in Bloomington (e.g., 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) or Microorganisms in Nature and Disease and lab (BIOL-M 200/M 215) for the application. Students offered admission must successfully complete Human Anatomy in the summer prior to beginning the nursing core courses.

Independent Study and On-Line Correspondence Courses

Effective for fall 2010, the IUS School of Nursing will not accept some online, 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). 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. For information on completing a minor, students need to contact the department of interest and/or their University Division academic 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, Second Degree Accelerated BSN, and RNBSN students. To make an appointment, call (812) 855-1736 or (812) 855-6875 or email her at dhrisoma@indiana.edu.

Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey advises pre-nursing, transfer, Second Degree Accelerated BSN and prospective students. To make an appointment, call (812) 855-1736 or (812) 855-2208 or email her at lhobbsra@indiana.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:

www.discovernursing.com
www.nursing2000inc.org

www.bls.gov/oco/pdf/ocos083.pdf

Application to the BSN Major for students at IUB (Bloomington), IUPUI (Indianapolis) and IUPUC (Columbus)

Application Deadlines

Fall Application Availability and Deadlines:

In order to be considered for fall 2012 admission at Bloomington, students must be able to meet the pre-requisite requirement by the end of the spring 2012 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.

- **Fall Application for BSN degree at IUPUC:** IUPUC has a separate application which is available on-line only beginning January 15th; applications are due March 15th. (<http://www.iupuc.edu/nursing/bsnursing/applicationinfo/>)

Spring Application and Availability and Deadlines (IUPUI):

The School of Nursing at IUPUI accepts applications for spring 2012 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 2011 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 30th.

TEAS V Test Information

The IUSON Core campuses (IUB/IUPUI/IUPUC) will begin using the **ATI TEAS V** test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) as part of the application process for Spring, 2012 and Fall, 2012. **No other version of the TEAS test will be accepted.** Students may take the TEAS V 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.

The deadline for taking the exam if a student is applying for Spring, 2012 is September 23, 2011. The deadline for taking the exam if a student is applying for Fall, 2012 is March 8, 2012. The TEAS V 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.

Additional Components of the BSN On-Line Application

Students who have met the School of Nursing chemistry requirement with high school course work must submit a **high school transcript** once the on-line application has been submitted. Students who have met the School of Nursing chemistry requirement with course work that has been posted on their IU transcript do not need to submit a high school transcript.

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 30 for spring applications). Failure to complete the online Student Disclosure Form will result in an ineligible application. See Appendix B.

Effective fall 2009, 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. For questions, please contact the School of Nursing advisor (Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey) at 812-855-1736 or by email at lhobbsra@indiana.edu.

Potential Application Errors

Excess IUSON cluster courses:

Applicants may not exceed the number of student-selected courses (i.e., not specifically required) allowable from each general education cluster when submitting their application. Generally speaking (when courses are 3 credits each), students may not exceed the following limits toward the nursing application:

- **Critical/Analytical/Science cluster:** one student-selected course (3-5 credits)
- **Communication cluster:** one student-selected course (3 credits total but 4 credit hour language courses are acceptable for application purposes)
- **Cultural Diversity:** two student-selected courses (6 credits total)
- **Social Competence:** one student-selected course (3 credits total)
- **Humanistic Appreciation:** one student-selected course (3 credits total)

Students with too many courses in a cluster are not allowed to list the “extra” cluster course on their application. However, they may count it as an elective 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.

Missing high school transcript:

If a student uses high school chemistry to satisfy the chemistry requirement for the Nursing application, it is the student’s responsibility to have the transcript sent to the School of Nursing *by the established deadline*. It is very important to request the high school transcript *early* and not wait until the deadline.

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. **This includes the 2 semesters (trimesters) of high school chemistry.** Students unsure of their high school chemistry grades need to check with their high school during the **fall** semester. If a student did not receive a C or above in **each** semester (or trimester), then the student must successfully complete a college chemistry course during the spring semester.

Not meeting with an advisor:

It is important for all students to understand the admission criteria and courses needed to be eligible to apply to the School of Nursing. Therefore, the advisors with the School of Nursing encourage all pre-nursing students to make an appointment with either a School of Nursing advisor or a Health Professions (HPPLC) advisor in addition to meeting with their assigned advisor.

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/>. Please hand-deliver (**preferred**) or mail your high school transcript (if appropriate) to the School of Nursing by March 15, 2012 for fall 2012 admission or by September 30, 2011 for spring 2012 admission to:

Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey
 Indiana University School of Nursing - Bloomington
 Sycamore Hall Room 436
 1033 E Third Street
 Bloomington, IN 47405-7005

High schools may email transcripts to Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey (lhobbsra@indiana.edu). **The School of Nursing is NOT able to accept transcripts sent through DOCUFIDE.**

The School of Nursing will not process any application until all required items are received. 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, “Plan B” and Limits on Refusals

Official admission status for fall 2012 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 late 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 back-up plan - “Plan B” - in case they are not admitted to the School of Nursing. Please see an advisor and the School of Nursing web site for assistance with your back-up plan. If not admitted, some students will continue taking general education requirements, intending to apply again for admission in spring 2013 or fall 2013. Other students may change their major if not admitted.

Although 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 a student decides to apply to ANY other IU campus – for either the traditional BSN or the Second Degree 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 be 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>.

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 cluster courses they may still need in the fall 2012 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 taken Physiology or Microorganisms in Nature and Disease w/ Lab but still needs Anatomy, s/he must successfully complete ANAT-A 215 – Human Anatomy (5 credits) (or an approved transfer course) – during the summer session (2012) prior to the first semester of their nursing courses.** Contact the nursing advisor for more information about approved transfer courses for Anatomy.

New Nursing Student Mandatory Orientation Session

All students offered admission to the IUB School of Nursing for fall 2012 will be required to attend a **one day mandatory orientation session** prior to the beginning of fall classes. The date and time of the orientation session will be provided in spring 2012, once the IUB 2012-2013 academic calendar is set. Students offered admission to IUPUI will also be required to attend a mandatory orientation session at IUPUI.

IUB School of Nursing Computer Policy

Effective fall 2010, 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 5 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>.

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, 2012. *Students do not need to act on this information until after they are admitted. It is simply provided for your information at this point.*

Proof of Immunization, Health Coverage, CPR Training

All nursing students are **required** to provide proof of immunization, health insurance coverage, and verification of completion of CPR training.

Required Immunizations:

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):

Students must have one MMR vaccination if born before 12/31/1956 or they must have two MMR vaccinations if born after 1/11/1957 **OR** provide documentation of Positive Rubella IgG, Rubeola IgG titers and Mumps IgG.

Tuberculosis: Students admitted to nursing must have a 2 step PPD before they begin their first semester in the nursing program. At least one of the PPDs must be administered within 30 days of the beginning of the fall semester. The second PPD may have been administered prior to that time (up to 12 months prior) or may also be administered within 30 days of the start of classes. The two PPDs must be administered at least one week apart.

If a student has a newly positive reaction to the skin test, or has previously had a positive skin test, a chest x-ray is required. The results must be on file with the School of Nursing. The student's provider should indicate what treatment, if any, has been prescribed for the student as a result of a positive skin test or chest x-ray. If the student has a negative chest x-ray, a screening form will need to be completed and submitted with the immunization form.

Hepatitis B Vaccine: Students must comply with one of the following:

- A. Provide documentation of completion of the three step Hepatitis B vaccine series and a positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody blood test drawn at least 4 weeks after the third vaccination, **OR**
- B. Decline the Hepatitis B vaccine. (NOTE: if you decline the Hepatitis B vaccine, you will be required to sign a waiver form).
- C. Hepatitis B series in progress. Provide documentation of vaccinations administered to date.

Chickenpox (Varicella): Students must provide one of the following:

- A. Physician-diagnosed Chickenpox disease
- B. Vaccination: Students must have been vaccinated with VARIVAX (two VARIVAX at least one month apart) and provide documentation.
- C. Positive Varicella IgG blood test (documentation required).

Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Vaccine (Adult Tdap):

Documentation of tdap vaccine required for all persons completing clinical experiences in Peds/OB, Emergency Department or Promptcare (at IU Health Bloomington Hospital). The vaccine must have been administered within the past 10 years.

Health Insurance

All nursing students are required to have health insurance. Students must submit a copy of their insurance card (both sides) annually to the School of Nursing office.

CPR Information

All nursing students must have CPR certification and maintain this certification as a student. Students may complete any appropriate CPR course that includes infant, child, adult, one-person, and two-person CPR. The American Red Cross' *Professional Rescuer* and the American Heart Association's *Health Care Provider* are both appropriate courses. CPR training is also available in Bloomington at the Monroe County Red Cross, the Monroe County YMCA Family Fitness Center or IU Health-Bloomington Hospital. Appropriate training *may* also be available through completion of HPER-H 160 First Aid and Emergency Care (elective course). Please check with the HPER-H 160 instructor to verify that the CPR taught in that course meets the standards specified.

| Bloomington Area CPR Training Sites | | |
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| Monroe County American Red Cross 411 East 7th Street Bloomington, IN 47408 Call (812) 332-7292 for course availability. | IU Health Bloomington Hospital Department of Education 601 West Second Street Call (812) 353-9546 for course availability. | Monroe County YMCA 2125 S Highland Avenue Bloomington, IN 47401 Call (812) 332-5555 for course availability. |

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 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 around patient conditions and coming to appropriate conclusions and/or course of actions.
2. **Essential physical/neurological functions to include:** ability to use the senses of seeing, hearing, touch, and smell to make correct judgments regarding patient conditions and meet physical expectations to perform required interventions for the purpose of demonstrating competence to safely engage 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, and all members of the health care team. Skills include verbal, written, and nonverbal abilities as well as information technology skills consistent with effective communication.
4. **Essential emotional coping skills:** ability to demonstrate the mental health necessary to safely engage in the practice of nursing as determined by professional standards of practice.
5. **Essential intellectual/conceptual skills to include:** ability to measure, calculate, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate to engage competently in the safe practice of nursing.
6. **Other essential behavioral attributes:** ability to engage in activities consistent with safe nursing practice without demonstrated behaviors of addiction to, abuse of, or dependence on alcohol or other drugs 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 consistent with accepted standards of practice.

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 online in late spring. For more information, go to <http://www.nursing.iupui.edu/cost/ugrad.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” – early March. For more specific information and exact deadlines, see the Office of Student Financial Assistance webpage: <http://www.indiana.edu/~sfa/>.

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.

Office of Student Financial Assistance – IU Bloomington

601 East Kirkwood Avenue
Franklin Hall 208
Bloomington, IN 47405-1223
(812) 855-0321 Fax: (812) 855-7615
Web site: <http://www.indiana.edu/~sfa>

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 for additional information or to schedule an appointment with Deborah Hrisomalos (dhrisoma@indiana.edu) or Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey (lhobbsra@indiana.edu). IUPUI admits students for this program in fall, spring and summer. To apply, students must have completed a bachelor's degree and 59-61 pre-requisite credits. 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 60 students for the fall 2012 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 80-90 students in fall and 80-90 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) or Microorganisms in Nature & Disease & lab (BIOL-M 200/M215) on the application. Please contact a nursing advisor with your questions. If you have taken Physiology (or Microbiology) but still need Anatomy, you must successfully complete ANAT-A 215 – Human Anatomy (5 credits) – during the summer session (2012) prior to the first semester of your nursing courses.

What can I do to improve my chances of admission?

Concentrate on the courses in which you are currently enrolled. Grades from the classes you are currently taking will count in the final admission decisions and you should make the most of this opportunity.

What can I do if I'm not admitted?

There are many options. You can apply again during a future admission cycle. You can continue to take the general education requirements, possibly taking some courses over in an effort to improve your GPA. You could begin taking courses toward a minor. You could change your major. You could consider transferring to another nursing school outside of the IU system. It is recommended that you consult an 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 2012 semester must re-apply for 2013 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 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?

Getting strong grades in your remaining courses is in fact your best opportunity to improve your chances for admission. Courses taken in spring can/should be used on the nursing application. (***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?

For spring 2012 admission (at IUPUI): in late November, 2011.
For fall 2012 admission: by early June, 2012.

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 – for either the traditional BSN or the Second Degree

Accelerated track nursing program, **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 the student will not be admitted to the new campus, and therefore will not be 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 cluster course. Should I retake the same course?

No. In the case of student-selected cluster courses, students should consult with their academic 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 slightly among campuses and you may not necessarily meet those requirements. **If you are interested in meeting the eligibility requirements on campuses other than Bloomington, Indianapolis or Columbus, please contact an IUB nursing advisor for more information.**

Are there additional fees that are assessed of nursing students?

In addition to tuition, nursing students are assessed a Nursing Program fee of \$70.35 per credit hour applied to all courses taken during the 2010-2011 academic year. Nursing clinical fees are also assessed for courses with a practicum. For 2010-2011, this fee is \$277 per course for NURS B230, B245, B249, H352, H354, H362, H364, S471, S473, S482 and S483.

APPENDIX A

School of Nursing Campus Advisor Contact Information

Indiana University - Bloomington

www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse

Assistant Director of Student Services

Nursing Advisor: Nursing, Pre-Nursing, Transfer, Second Degree Accelerated BSN, RNBSN Students

Deborah Hrisomalos, RN, MSN, MBA

(812) 855-2592

dhrisoma@indiana.edu

Nursing Advisor: Pre-Nursing, Transfer, Second Degree Accelerated, and Prospective High School Students

Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey, BS, MS Ed.

(812) 855-2208

lhobbsra@indiana.edu

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)

www.nursing.iupui.edu

(317) 274-2806

Advisor: Helen McKuras

hmckuras@iupui.edu

Advisor: Greg Wible

gwible@iupui.edu

Indiana University Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC)

www.iupuc.edu/academics/programs/nursing.asp

812(348-7259)

Advisor: Sarah Warfield

warfield@iupuc.edu

Indiana University – East

www.iue.indiana.edu/departments/nursing

(765) 973-8353

Advisor: Chad Beanblossom

chadbean@iue.edu

Indiana University – Kokomo

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(765) 455-9288

Advisor: Shantelle Mia Estes

smsoptel@iuk.edu

Advisor: Cheryl Ann Schlemmer-Helton

caschlem@iuk.edu

Indiana University – Northwest

www.iun.edu/~nurse

(219) 980-6600

Advisor: Anne Mitchell

amitchel@iun.edu

Indiana University – Southeast

www.ius.edu/nursing

(812) 941-2340

Advisor: Brenda Hackett

bhackett@ius.edu

Indiana University - South Bend

www.iusb.edu/~nursing

(574) 520-4373

Advisor: Stephanie Maxwell

samaxwel@iusb.edu

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. Serious crimes, such as crimes of violence or dishonesty, are particularly disfavored. 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 or without 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 IUSON academic counselor on the campus to which you are seeking or granted admission on an annual basis, or more frequently, of any changes in your status.

Full Disclosure Required

Applicants are required to disclose any convictions, charges, probation/diversion in writing (even if a charge has been dismissed). You must report **anything** that may come up on a national background check. You must complete this form to the best of your ability. If in doubt, disclose the charge. This means that your answers must be truthful, accurate, and complete. If you know of certain information yet are unsure whether to disclose it, you must disclose the information.

1. 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 history check may result in a failure to be approved for required placement assignments, and as such may result in my inability to progress through the IU School of Nursing programs.
2. 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 screenings. I understand I am required to pay for any and all criminal background checks and drug screens required.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 national criminal background check will be a factor used to determine if I will be admitted 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 to the Admission Progression Graduation committee any convictions, charges, probation/diversion (even if a charge has been dismissed):

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 arrested for, charged with, or convicted of, any criminal offense? Yes No

If the answer above is "yes," set forth the dates and details here (*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 (*use additional sheets if necessary*):

8. Have you ever participated in a first offender, deferred adjudication or pretrial diversion or other probation program or arrangement where judgment or conviction has been withheld? Yes No

If the answer above is "yes," set forth the dates and details here (*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: _____