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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 2006-2009**

- Solidify IUSON’s reputation as a national leader in nursing education research and best educational practices
- Position IUSON as a national renowned leader in clinical research
- Develop new and sustain existing partnerships to support innovations in education and research that address current and future challenges in health care and health professions education.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 earnings of registered nurses were \$57,280 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$47,710 and \$69,850. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$40,250, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$83,440. Median annual earnings in the industries employing the largest numbers of registered nurses in 2006 were as follows:

Employment services	\$64,260
General medical and surgical hospitals	58,550
Home health care services	54,190
Offices of physicians	53,800
Nursing care facilities	52,490

Most employers offer flexible work schedules, childcare, educational benefits, and bonuses.

**Source: 2008-2009 Occupational Outlook Handbook  
([www.bls.gov/oco/pdf/ocos083.pdf](http://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, 2010 or spring, 2010. 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 9).
4. Complete 29-31 credit hours of program requirements with a grade of "C" or higher. The credits counting toward admission must include English Composition, Introductory Psychology; Introductory Sociology or Social Problems and Policies; Human Anatomy, Finite Math and another 3 credit Critical/Analytical/Science course.
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 2.70 in the general education credit hours 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 to make an appointment (812-855-1736).
9. Complete all required course work, including independent study, online courses or "Incompletes", by established deadlines (see page 15).
10. Investigate the profession of Nursing through job shadowing; internships, CNA training, nurse tech roles, health occupations, volunteer/community service experiences and other exploratory nursing courses.
11. Submit an online application including written essay (addressing the two-specific questions required by the School of Nursing), high school transcript (if required to demonstrate completion of the Chemistry requirement), and Student Disclosure Form to the School of Nursing by March 15, 2010 for fall 2010 admission or by September 15, 2009 for spring 2010 admission.
12. 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, 2010 and Fall 2010**

Admission to the School of Nursing at IUB (Bloomington), IUPUI (Indianapolis) and IUPUC (Columbus) is based upon the following criteria. These criteria apply to the IU School of Nursing spring 2010 admission (IUPUI) and fall 2010 admission (IUB, IUPUI and IUPUC).

- **Cumulative GPA** - must have minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 at the time of application.
- **Nursing GPA (60%)** – A minimum of 2.7 is required at the time of application. This GPA is based upon the 29-31 credits listed on the application. This must include:
  - Anatomy (5 cr.) (*lab is required*)
  - Finite Math (3-4 cr.)
  - At least a 3 cr. Critical/Analytical/Science course
  - English Composition
  - Introduction to Psychology
  - Introduction to Sociology
  - Remaining credits (to total 29-31) would be selected by the student from the approved list of cluster courses for Communication Cluster (1 course), Social Competence Cluster (1 course), Cultural Diversity Cluster (2 courses) and/or Humanistic Appreciation Cluster (1 course).

***NOTE: Student must have completed 2 semesters (or trimesters) of high school chemistry with a grade of C or above in two semesters (or trimesters) OR a college level introductory chemistry course (only lecture/discussion is required, i.e., CHEM-C100 or CHEM-C101) with a grade of C or above. If high school chemistry was completed, the student will need to provide a copy of his/her transcript with the application. If a college chemistry course is completed, either it or a different 3 credit Critical/Analytical/Science course must be listed on the application.***

- **Interview, Essays/Exploring the Profession of Nursing & Community Service (40%)**
  - 20-30 minute interview with eligible applicants will be scheduled after the application is submitted. **(NOTE: The School of Nursing may elect to interview only the top 75% of applicants based upon the Nursing application GPA at the time of application).**
  - Two written essays (250-300 words each) will also be required as part of the application and will be discussed in the interview.
  - Students will be provided with more detailed information on the essays and interview during the **mandatory** application information sessions in fall 2009 and spring 2010.
  - Exploring the Profession of Nursing – i. e., shadowing a registered nurse; completing a pre-nursing course; health occupations course; emergency medical technician (EMT) course with lab; CNA course and other related healthcare experience; community service/volunteer experiences, nurse tech positions, etc.

***NOTE: The School of Nursing may elect to interview only the top 75% of applicants based upon the Nursing application GPA at the time of application.***

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

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Curriculum

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

- 50 credit hours of general education course work, including 6 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 after completing a minimum of 29-31 hours of pre-nursing course work. Admission to the major is competitive, based on academic achievement in pre-nursing courses, written essays, an interview and service experiences.

### Sample Bloomington Campus Degree Completion Plan for applicants for Fall 2010

Semester	Fall Semester Courses	Cr.	Spring Semester Courses	Cr.
<b>Pre-Nursing 29-31 credits</b>  (courses are interchangeable between semesters)	**ANAT A215 - Human Anatomy (5 cr.) **English Composition Course (3 cr.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENG W131 English Comp or</li> <li>• ENG W170 Intro to Argumentative Writing</li> </ul> **Introductory Sociology – (3 cr.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOC S100 Intro. to Sociology or</li> <li>• SOC S101 Social Problems</li> </ul> Cultural Diversity Cluster Course (3 cr.)	Total of 14 credit hours	**Introductory Psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PSY P101, PSY P102, PSY P155 or PSY P106 (3 cr.)</li> </ul> **Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster Course (3 cr.)  **Finite Math* (3 cr.) – see advisor for options  Humanistic App. Cluster Course (3 cr.) Social Comp. Cluster Course (3 cr.)  <b>**Required Courses</b>	Total of 15 credit hours
<b>Nursing Curriculum Semester 3 &amp; 4</b>  <b>Clinical: 8 hr/week</b>	<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 (must take lecture AND 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 Semester 5 &amp; 6</b>  <b>Clinical: 16-20 hr/week</b>	<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 ( 3 cr.)  Cultural Diversity Cluster Course	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 -Research Process (3 cr.)  Communication Cluster Course (3 cr.)	Total of 18 credit hours
<b>Nursing Curriculum Semester 7 &amp; 8</b>  <b>Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week</b>	<b>Semester 7</b> NURS S470/S471 - Restorative Health with clinical Practicum (Critical Care Nursing) (5 cr. total) NURS S472/S473 - Community Health Alterations with clinical Practicum (5 cr. total) NURS S474 – Applied Health Care Ethics (3 cr.)  Elective (3 cr.)	Total of 16 credit hours	<b>Semester 8</b> NURS S481/S482 Nursing Mgmt with clinical Practicum (5 cr. total) NURS S483 Nursing Practice Capstone (3 cr.) NURS S484 - Research Utilization Seminar (1 cr.) NURS S485 Professional Growth & Empowerment (3 cr.)  Elective (3 cr.)	Total of 15 credit hours

## General Education Requirements

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 44 credit hours of course work divided into five distinct "clusters", plus 6 hours of electives (electives may not be applied toward admission). Nursing students are able to choose the remaining credits from the cluster course lists (please refer to the IUB School of Nursing website for current cluster course lists).

<http://www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse/home/course/cluster.html#critical>

### General Education Clusters:

#### 1.) Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster

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-A215), Physiology (PHSL-P215), and Microbiology lecture & lab (BIOL-M200 + BIOL-M215). Students must also take Finite Math. Students who have not fulfilled the high school chemistry requirement must take CHEM-C100 or CHEM-C101 (Lecture and Discussion). CHEM-C100 or CHEM-C101 may be counted toward the Critical/Analytical/Science cluster. The required science and math courses (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and Finite Math) must have been completed within the last seven years. This rule does not apply to Chemistry.

- o **Math Requirement**

Students applying to the School of Nursing must take Finite Math (MATH-A118, MATH-D116 and MATH-D117, or MATH-M118).

- o **Chemistry Requirement**

Students who have not completed two semesters or trimesters of high school chemistry with a "C" or above in both semesters are required to take CHEM-C100 or CHEM-C101 (lecture and discussion only) prior to admission to the nursing major. The corresponding lab is not required.

#### 2.) Communication Cluster

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 for English Composition, while the student is able to choose the remaining three credits from the 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 most 100 - 300 level foreign language classes will count in this cluster.

- Note: There are some foreign language based courses that are designated in clusters other than the communication cluster.

### **3.) Social Competence Cluster**

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 Introduction to Psychology (PSY-P101\*, PSY-P102\*, PSY-P155 or PSY-P106) and Introduction to Sociology (SOC-S100) or Social Problems and Policies (SOC-S101). The remaining three credits can be met by any course listed within the Social Competence cluster on the cluster course lists. \*signifies best options

### **4.) Cultural Diversity Cluster**

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 affects behavior 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 Cultural Diversity section of the cluster course lists. A student may take a cultural diversity course prior to admission but credits in this cluster are not required to apply to the School of Nursing.

### **5.) Humanistic Appreciation Cluster**

The Humanistic Appreciation cluster is important in developing an understanding of human nature and helps students develop a strong sense of aesthetics.

The Humanistic Appreciation cluster requires the completion of three credit hours of approved courses for the degree. This requirement can be met by any course listed within the Humanistic Appreciation cluster on the cluster course lists.

## **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 are nursing electives that students may take prior to being admitted to the School of Nursing including NURS-B106 – Exploring Careers in Nursing (3 cr.) and NURS-K492 – Nursing Electives with various topics (3 cr.). Cluster credit is assigned based upon the topic of the course. Contact the nursing advisor if you have questions.

## Electives

Six additional credit hours are needed to complete the BSN degree requirements. With the exception of 0-level math courses, any course with a letter grade may be used as an elective. Special placement credit with a grade of "S", and test credit with a grade of "T" may also be used. Pass/Fail courses may not be used. Excess hours from a cluster course (see section on page 13) 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.

## Policies Regarding the BSN Curriculum

### IMPORTANT:

- The policies below are specific to the School of Nursing, and are separate from Indiana University's 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, a grade 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).

### Repeated Course Policy

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\*
  - English 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 grades will be the grades used in admission calculations for the Nursing GPA.

### Grade Replacement Policy

- 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.

**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.

For any questions about the repeated course and eligibility policies, please contact the Assistant Director of Student Services (Debbie Hrisomalos) in the School of Nursing.

### **Pass/Fail (P/F) Course Work, Special Credit (S) Work, Credit by Exam (T)**

"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.

### **7-Year Limit on Math/Science Courses**

Required science and math courses (Human Anatomy, Microbiology, Human Physiology, and Finite Math) must have been completed within the last seven years. This rule does not apply 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 English Composition. Students whose composition status is "exemption *without credit*" does not have to take English 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 English Composition and will have the composition credit applied toward the appropriate cluster.

### **Undistributed Credit**

Students may use undistributed credit from transfer coursework on the application to nursing. 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 need to contact a nursing advisor. 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, 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.

### **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-W131 – English Composition (3 cr.) and HISP-S105 – First Year Spanish (4 cr.) – all 7 credits could be used on the nursing application in the Communication Cluster.

### **English Composition Options**

Pre-nursing students are advised to take one of the standard stand-alone English Composition course options: ENG-W131 English Composition or ENG-W170 – Introduction to Argumentative Writing. The combined writing courses listed below will also satisfy the English Composition requirement but students should be aware that the two-course option may create difficulties in meeting the minimum number of credits necessary to apply to the nursing major. If a student completes either the stand-alone or two-course composition option with a grade of “C” or better, the requirement for English Composition will be complete.

***NOTE: Please note the two semester English Composition options are not encouraged for pre-nursing students due to the distribution of credits from these courses. This may leave a student short of the required credits to apply.***

Combined writing courses offered on the Bloomington campus (take both courses over two semesters) include:

- ENG-L141 (Literature and Composition I) & ENG-L142 (Literature and Composition II)
- AAAD-A141 (Intro. To Writing & Study of Black Literature I) & AAAD-A142 (Intro to Writing & Study of Black Literature II)
- CMLT-C145 (Major Characters in Western Literature I) & CMLT-C146 (Major Characters in Western Literature II)

The distribution of credits for these courses is as follows: One credit from ENG-L141, AAAD-A141 and CMLT-C145 and one credit from ENG-L142, AAAD-A142 and CMLT-C146 will be used, with the respective grades, to complete the English Composition requirement. Three credits from the course with the highest grade can meet the humanistic appreciation cluster requirement. Three credits from the course with the lower grade can count toward elective requirements.

### **Grade Averaging**

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

### **Campus- Specific Course Issues**

Microbiology BIOL-M200 (lecture) and its lab, BIOL-M215, 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-P261 (Anatomy & Physiology I) at IUN, that student must also take PHSL-P262 (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-A215 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-P215) 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 Courses**

General education cluster courses may be taken as Independent Study courses (also known as “correspondence courses” or “courses to go”) from the IU School of Continuing Studies or a major department. Students may also enroll in approved on-line courses to fulfill general education cluster requirements. Contact a nursing advisor with your questions.

### **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, please contact the department of interest and/or your 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](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse).

### **Academic Advising for Pre-Nursing and Nursing Majors**

The Assistant Director of Student Services at the IU Bloomington School of Nursing serves as Nursing Academic Advisor for those students majoring in nursing. 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, a health professions advisor and pre-nursing advisor are also available to pre-nursing students for consultation regarding planning for School of Nursing admission. See front cover for contact information.

### **Advising Appointments**

Pre-nursing students or students interested in the accelerated BSN program may make appointments with a nursing advisor by calling (812) 855-1736 or (812) 855-6875 or by email (see Appendix A for advising hours and email addresses). Appointments are required. The advising offices are located on the fourth floor of Sycamore Hall. Advising hours are also posted on the School of Nursing web site.

### **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 the indiana.edu address 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](mailto:dhrisoma@indiana.edu)).

Web sites with information on nursing educational opportunities and careers:  
[www.discovernursing.com](http://www.discovernursing.com) [www.bls.gov/oco/pdf/ocos083.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/oco/pdf/ocos083.pdf)  
[www.nursing2000inc.org](http://www.nursing2000inc.org)

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

***Application/Admission requirements are the same for IU Bloomington and IUPUI but they may vary for the regional campuses. It is important that you contact any of the regional campuses that you rank as a choice on your application and verify that you meet their admission requirements if you plan to apply to another campus*** (see Appendix A for advisor contact information). Applicants for admission at IUB and IUPUI are placed into one of three categories listed below.

**Category A – Corridor 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 either 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 Deadlines

In order to be considered for fall 2010 admission at Bloomington, students must be able to meet the pre-requisite requirement by the end of the spring 2010 semester.

### Application Availability and Deadlines:

- Fall Application for BSN degree at IUB or IUPUI: Applications are available on-line only ([www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse)) beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>; applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Spring Application for BSN degree at IUPUI: Applications are available on-line only ([www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse)) beginning July 15<sup>th</sup>; applications are due

September 15<sup>th</sup>. All general education pre-requisite courses listed on the application must be completed by the end of Second Summer session for a student to be eligible.

### **Spring Admission IUPUI and IUSB:**

The School of Nursing at IUPUI and South Bend campuses accept applications for spring admission to the nursing major. Please consult the School of Nursing Bloomington website for the IUPUI spring application ([www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse)), or schedule an appointment with a nursing advisor.

### **Independent Study/Correspondence Course Deadline:**

Since it takes more time for Independent Study course grades to be posted to the official transcript, it is important that students **take the final exam at least a month before the semester ends**. If a student is not able to take the exam in time, their course grade may not be posted to the IU transcript and the student would be ineligible for admission.

## **Additional Components of the BSN On-Line Application**

If you have met the School of Nursing chemistry requirement with high school course work you must submit a **high school transcript** once you have completed your on-line application. If you have met the School of Nursing chemistry requirement with course work on your IU transcript, you do not need to submit a high school transcript.

Students must complete and submit a **Student Disclosure of Criminal Conviction and Pending Criminal Charges Form**. The form is due by the application deadline (March 15 for fall applications and September 15 for spring applications). The form is available on the School of Nursing website with the application ([www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse](http://www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse)).

Effective with fall 2009 admission, a **National Criminal Background Check** is required of all individuals offered 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 (Debbie Hrisomalos) at 812-855-1736 or by email at [dhrisoma@indiana.edu](mailto:dhrisoma@indiana.edu).

## **Potential Application Errors**

### **Excess 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 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 (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**

Please hand-deliver (**preferred**) or mail all documents, including your high school transcript (if appropriate), and Student Disclosure Form together, to:

Shirley Wines  
Indiana University School of Nursing - Bloomington  
Sycamore Hall Room 437  
Bloomington, IN 47405-7005

Students should submit all application documents together, after completing the on-line application. Incomplete application documents will not be accepted. The School of Nursing will not process your application until all required items are received. **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 2010 will be determined after all grades are final for the spring semester. Students can expect to be notified by June 1 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 and South Bend campuses. If 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 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 2010, fall 2010 or spring 2011. Other students may change their major if not admitted.

Although there is no limit on the number of times you can apply for admission to the School of Nursing, there is a limit on the number of offers of admission you can turn down.

***Students who refuse an offer of admission two times are ineligible for future BSN admission consideration on any IU campus.***

## **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 2010 semester. If students are admitted to the School of Nursing at IU Bloomington and have not already successfully completed PHSL-P215 – Human Physiology (5 credits), they must take Physiology with their first semester of nursing courses, and should register for Physiology during registration in spring 2010 for fall, 2010. **If a student has taken Physiology but still need Anatomy, s/he must successfully complete ANAT-A215 – Human Anatomy (5 credits) – during the summer session (2010) prior to the first semester of their nursing courses.**

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

**All nursing students are *required* to provide proof of immunization and health insurance coverage, and verification of completion of CPR training.** New Bloomington nursing students must purchase nursing uniforms (scrubs & polo shirt) and equipment just prior to the beginning of fall semester at the mandatory orientation. If admitted to the nursing major, students will receive extensive information about this in June, 2010.

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

### **Required Immunizations:**

**Rubella** Required to have either received Rubella vaccine or a Rubella titer. (The current standard at IU is that Rubella immunization is required if the titer indicates susceptibility to the disease.) Must have proof of one dose of vaccine or a positive titer.

**Rubeola (measles)** Must show proof of two measles vaccinations, a positive titer, or previous history of contracting the disease, as documented by a physician.

**Mumps** Must have immunization or positive titer.

**Tuberculosis** All newly admitted students must have a 2-step PPD Tuberculin Skin Test *within one month of the beginning of the fall 2010 semester.* If you have a newly positive reaction to the skin test, a chest x-ray is required and the results must be recorded on the immunization record. Your physician should indicate what treatment, if any, has been prescribed for you as a result of a positive skin test or chest x-ray. (More information will be provided if you are admitted to nursing). All returning students must have a current PPD

administered within three months of the beginning of the fall semester.

**Hepatitis B** This vaccination is mandatory for your protection. The vaccine is administered in a series of three injections over a six month period. The series only needs to be started (i.e., received the first shot) prior to beginning the BSN program. It is highly recommended that you have a hepatitis B surface antibody titer four to six weeks after completing the Hepatitis B series.

**Diphtheria -Tetanus** Must have been immunized within the last ten years.

**Chickenpox** Vaccination is not required but is recommended for students who have not had the disease. Documentation of previous history of contracting the disease as documented by a physician is acceptable.

Bloomington Area CPR Training Sites	
A CPR course will be offered in Bloomington the Saturday before fall semester begins for new nursing students. Information on this course will be sent to all newly admitted Bloomington nursing majors. Students may complete this course or any appropriate CPR course that includes infant, child, adult, one-person, and two-person CPR. The American Red Cross' <i>Professional Rescuer</i> and the American Heart Association's <i>Health Care Provider</i> are both appropriate courses.	CPR training is available in Bloomington at the Monroe County Red Cross and the YMCA Family Fitness Center. Appropriate training <u>may</u> also be available through completion of HPER H160 First Aid and Emergency Care (Humanistic Appreciation cluster course). Please check with the H160 instructor to verify that the CPR taught in that course meets the standards specified at left.
Monroe County American Red Cross 411 East 7th Street Bloomington, IN 47408 Call (812) 332-7292 for course availability.	Bloomington Hospital & Healthcare System Department of Education 601 West Second Street Call (812) 353-9546 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.***

## Scholarship Eligibility that Does Not Transfer

**Some scholarship awards are nontransferable.** Contact the financial aid office at the campus where the student is planning to transfer for additional information.

## Financial Aid Offices, Transfer of Financial Aid

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. Addresses and phone numbers are listed below and a *Financial Aid Student Transfer Checklist* is included to help guide students through the transfer procedures. Please contact your current campus financial aid office for additional information.

Office of Student Financial Assistance  
Indiana University - Bloomington  
Franklin Hall 208  
Bloomington, IN 47405  
(812) 855-0321

## Financial Aid Transfer Checklist

*This information provided by the Indiana University Bloomington Office of Student Financial Assistance.*

**If you are receiving financial aid, you will need to complete the following steps when you transfer to another IU campus:**

- Notify your department of your intention to transfer. Also, if you need to have your local address changed, update INSITE.

- Contact the financial aid office at your new institution and request any institutional forms.
- Notify our office of your plans to transfer either in person at the above address, or by phone at 812-855-0321, or e-mail to [rsvposfa@indiana.edu](mailto:rsvposfa@indiana.edu) or fax to 812-855-7615. Please include your name and Social Security Number on all correspondence.
- If you have borrowed loans while attending IU-Bloomington, you must notify us to cancel any remaining disbursements that you are no longer eligible to receive. You will need to re-apply for loans through your new school at the same time you apply for other aid.
- Send your FAFSA data to your new school. The easiest way to accomplish this is to call the Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243 with your Data Release Number (DRN) located in the top right corner of your Student Aid Report (SAR). You can also add IU-Bloomington to your paper SAR and mail the updated and signed SAR to Federal Student Aid Programs, PO Box 7020, Lawrence, KS, 66044-7020. If you cannot find your SAR or DRN, send a letter with your name, Social Security Number, birth date, new school name, and your signature to Federal Student Aid Programs, PO Box 7021, Lawrence, KS, 66044-7021.
- If you are a resident of Indiana, notify the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) no later than 30 days after the beginning of your first semester at your new school. Report your school change along with your name, Social Security Number, and current address to SSACI, ISTA Center, 150 West Market Street, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN, 46204. You can also report your change via fax, 317-232-3260.
- If you are eligible for the Child of Veteran and Public Safety Officer Award (CVO) contact the Veteran's Administration to obtain a new certificate confirming the service-related disability for CVO eligibility. Their address is Indiana Department of Veteran's Affairs, Attention: Education Division, 302 West Washington Street, Room E-120, Indianapolis, IN, 46204. The phone number is 317-232-3910. The fax number is 317-232-7721 and the website is <http://www.ai.org/veteran/index.html>.
- If you receive any scholarships or grants from outside sources, each donor must be notified of your transfer as soon as possible.
- For additional information, contact:
  - Office of Student Financial Assistance**
  - 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>

### **Accelerated Second Degree BSN Program**

Students interested in admission to the accelerated BSN program at IUPUI should contact the School of Nursing for additional information or to schedule an appointment with an advisor. 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 2010 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 100 students in fall and 100 students in spring).

***Is it harder to get into Bloomington 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 science course is required for admission?***

Basic Human Anatomy (ANAT-A215) is required. If a pre-nursing student is unable to enroll in ANAT-A215 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-P215) on the application. Please contact a nursing advisor with your questions. If you have taken Physiology but still need Anatomy, you must successfully complete ANAT-A215 – Human Anatomy (5 credits) – during the summer session (2010) 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. An important element in being prepared for the interview and Exploring the Profession of Nursing requirements is to shadow nurses and undertake rigorous research of the nursing profession through volunteer work, employment or internships.

***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 2010 semester must re-apply for 2011 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 2.70, 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 2010 admission (at IUPUI or South Bend): in late November, 2009.  
For fall 2010 admission: by June 1, 2010.

***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?***

No. Once you are admitted to an IU campus, you can transfer to other campuses through the intercampus transfer system. Your transfer will be initiated automatically if you accept an offer of admission to the BSN major on a campus other than the one you are currently attending.

***I currently do not meet the eligibility requirements. Can I still apply for admission?***

You can apply if you will meet the eligibility requirements by the end of spring semester (for fall admission) and by the end of Summer Session II if applying for spring admission at IUPUI.

***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). Admission requirements 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 or Indianapolis, please contact the nursing advisor on that regional campus (see Appendix A for contact 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 2009-2010 academic year. Nursing clinical fees are also assessed for courses with a practicum. For 2009-2010, 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

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Advisor: Leslie Hobbs-Ramsey  
Pre-Nursing Advisor  
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#### Bloomington Recorder:

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#### Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)

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Michelle Piercy – [mlpiercy@iupui.edu](mailto:mlpiercy@iupui.edu).

#### Indiana University Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC)

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#### Indiana University – Kokomo

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**Indiana University - South Bend**

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