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Admission to the program
depends on the number
of spaces available and
IUSON and university
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RN to BSN Consortium

Courses offered Online

The RN to BSN Consortium Program is designed for registered nurses who are graduates of diploma or associate degree (ASN) nursing programs who are licensed Registered Nurses. This option leads to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The nursing courses are accessed and completed online for maximum scheduling flexibility and convenience.

PURPOSE OF THIS OPTION

The RN to BSN mobility option offers a creative curriculum for educating nurses competent in meeting the changing health needs of society. The option also builds a leadership foundation and prepares graduates for graduate study. RN-BSN program graduates possess knowledge of the humanities, biological and social sciences, and nursing. The curriculum focuses on continued development of skills to advance nursing practice, evaluating the role of professional nurses in a holistic approach to health care, and participation as informed citizens in society.

ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Apply for admission to Indiana University in Bloomington for the fall, spring or summer semester. On the application, indicate your intended major as Bachelor of Science in Nursing. An online application can be obtained at <http://www.indiana.edu/~iuadmit/transfer/> or by calling the Office of Admissions at (812) 855-0661.

NOTE: If you previously attended Indiana University, this is NOT required. Please contact the RN-BSN Nursing Advisor directly.

- Transfer of credit from other colleges or universities is completed at the time of admission to the university by the Office of Admissions. Transfer credit will be awarded for courses with a minimum grade of C (2.0), if courses being transferred are essentially equivalent to required degree course work. Transcripts verifying previous academic background are required to complete the credit review and transfer process.

ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Admission to the School of Nursing RN-BSN Program on the Bloomington campus requires an application separate from that used by the university. After students are admitted to Indiana University, they apply for admission to the RN-BSN program. IUSON's Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee consider and act upon applications for admission to the RN-BSN program. Applicants must meet all minimum criteria as published in the IU Bloomington Bulletin. Applications may be obtained from the School of Nursing. An appointment with the RN-BSN Nursing Advisor is required before an application is sent. To schedule an appointment please call (812) 855-1736. For more information, please visit the School's web site at: www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse.

To be eligible to apply to the RN-BSN Mobility Program, students must:

1. Be admitted to Indiana University as a degree-seeking student.
2. Have a current, unrestricted RN license.
3. Be a graduate of an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program.
4. Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all courses attempted and included on transcripts.
5. Complete required pre-requisite courses with a grade of C (2.0) or above. A grade of C or above must be obtained by the second attempt. Students may take a required course only twice.
6. Comply with immunization requirements. Failure to meet immunization requirements will prevent participation in practicum experiences. Lack of participation could constitute a practicum course failure.
7. Provide proof of CPR, health Insurance coverage and current licensure.

SPECIAL CREDIT AWARDED

Following successful completion of Nursing Seminar I (B304), special credit is awarded for the courses listed below. In order to receive a BSN degree, your official transcript must reflect fulfillment of all requirements, including 35 hours of special credit for these courses.

B230 – 4 credits
B248 – 4 credits
H351 – 3 credits
H352 – 2 credits
H353 – 3 credits
H354 – 2 credits
H361 – 3 credits
H362 – 2 credits
H363 – 4 credits
H364 – 3 credits
S470 – 3 credits
S471 – 2 credits

CLUSTER OPTIONS

The general education courses are arranged in six categories or "clusters".

- ❖ **Cluster 1**
Critical/Analytical/Science
- ❖ **Cluster 2**
Communication
- ❖ **Cluster 3**
Social Competence
- ❖ **Cluster 4**
Cultural Diversity
- ❖ **Cluster 5**
Humanistic Appreciation
- ❖ **Cluster 6**
Open Electives

For a complete list of courses included in each cluster, visit the COURSES section of the School of Nursing – Bloomington Web site at:
www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse

IMMUNIZATIONS, CPR and HEALTH INSURANCE

You are required to provide proof of immunizations including: Tdap, Rubella, Rubeola, Mumps, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B and Chickenpox. To document your immunizations, please complete the required Immunization Form that is part of the application packet. A copy of current CPR certification is required. This must be either American Red Cross Professional Rescuer certification or American Heart Association Health Care Provider certification.

Documented health insurance coverage is required by the School of Nursing. Please complete the form in the application packet and provide a copy of your health insurance card with your application.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Applicants to a nursing undergraduate program are required to submit an original of a completed criminal history information form as a requisite for admission consideration to the RN-BSN program. An original, *current* National Criminal Background check is due with your application to be considered for admission. The National Criminal Background check may be no more than 3 months old at the time the application is submitted.

Students are required to submit a national criminal history on an annual basis. Details about obtaining the national criminal background check will be provided with the RN-BSN application.

ACCREDITATION

Indiana University School of Nursing is accredited by the Indiana State Board of Nursing, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirement for RN students pursuing the BSN degree is 124 credit hours. **Students beginning the required nursing courses must complete all coursework in six years.** Failure to register in each sequential semester constitutes an interruption in the program and jeopardizes completing degree requirements within six years. Students who re-enter must adhere to the policies and curriculum in effect at the time of re-entry. At least 30 hours of nursing coursework must be completed from the IU Bloomington RN-BSN program. 35 hours of special credit is awarded to students for equivalent courses completed in the diploma or associate degree Registered Nurse program.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK

RN-BSN coursework consists of general education and nursing courses. All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or above by the second attempt. Course numbers and credit hours for general education courses vary from campus to campus, so it is important to check with the Nursing Advisor. General education courses completed at other universities may be applicable toward the BSN degree if credits are accepted by Indiana University Bloomington.

SUGGESTED PLANS OF STUDY

Cohort plans allow students to begin the RN-BSN program in either fall, spring or summer semesters. All general education requirements be completed before starting the cohort. While the cohort plans are based on an average of 3-6 credit hours per semester, individualized plans of study for full-time students can be developed.

MEETING WITH RN-BSN NURSING ADVISOR

To have a transcript review completed and a program plan tailored to your educational goals, please contact Deborah Hrisomalos, Nursing Advisor for the RN-BSN program by calling (812) 855-1736 to schedule an appointment or via email at dhrisoma@indiana.edu.