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Nursing School Offers Online R.N. to B.S.N. Program

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KOKOMO, Ind. – Registered nurses across the state of Indiana can now earn a bachelor's degree in 12 months due to a new collaboration among the eight Indiana University School of Nursing campuses. The IU Kokomo School of Nursing faculty and advisors are excited for the online program, and are looking forward to ensuring each new student's success.

The distance accessible program delivers quality, convenient, cost-effective and contemporary online R.N. to B.S.N. education that meets the nursing workforce needs of Indiana.

Lynda Narwold, M.A., R.N., and director of the R.N. to B.S.N. program at IU Kokomo, said this is another exceptional opportunity for registered nurses in this region to take their education to the next level.

"These are the finest of nursing faculty statewide. It is a win-win situation for our nurses, hospitals, and citizens in these communities," Narwold said, adding that additional education can only result in ensuring that patients are the recipients of the best care based on the most up-to-date practice evidence available

In addition, IU Kokomo faculty and advisors are on hand to provide any assistance students may need who enroll in the online program.

IU Kokomo continues to offer a very popular, conveniently scheduled in person R.N. to B.S.N. program. The addition of the online program offers an attractive option for R.N.s who would prefer the added flexibility of online while benefitting from the same high quality, contemporary curriculum.

The consortium, the first of its kind for Indiana University, helps nurses with two year degrees move quickly and smoothly through a bachelor's program. The Consortium is composed of Schools of Nursing on the Bloomington, Columbus, East, IUPUI, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend and Southeast campuses. Students apply to the RN to BSN program at the IU campus closest to them, and then tie into the on-line statewide network to complete their coursework and practicum experiences.

"The faculty of Indiana University School of Nursing has responded to the needs of the state-wide nursing community by creating an innovative and flexible curriculum which facilitates the academic progression of nurses seeking to attain their B.S.N. Nursing courses have been designed to be taught in eight week modules and to acknowledge the nurse's clinical

experience. The eight campus collaboration maximizes faculty resources and creates a learning environment where students have access to a wide network of IU nursing faculty who are expert teachers and clinicians" said Judith A. Halstead, Ph.D., R.N., ANEF, executive associate dean for academic affairs.

Main components of the R.N. to B.S.N. program include:

- A rolling admissions process so that students can begin when they are ready;
- Decreased time to graduation as nursing courses can be completed in 12 months; and
- New nursing electives that enhance expertise in targeted areas.

IU nursing faculty is recognized nationwide for their leadership and expertise in teaching and scientific research. Nurses in the program can reach the award-winning faculty from their own computers and bring that knowledge directly to their patients.

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Indiana University Kokomo serves a seven county, primary service area in north central Indiana. The campus offers more than 40 academic programs including four graduate degrees.

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