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2021-2022 ACADEMIC PLANNING GUIDE Bachelor of Science in Nursing Indiana University - Bloomington Campus

The IU School of Nursing (IUSON) in Bloomington offers a 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree that prepares students to assess, develop, plan, implement and evaluate plans of care for individuals, families and communities. Nurses care for patients' physical, emotional, psychological, intellectual, social and spiritual needs. Therefore, the BSN curriculum at IU Bloomington (IUB) prepares nursing students by emphasizing social and biological science courses in addition to the hands-on clinical courses.

To become a licensed Registered Nurse, students must complete the degree requirements of an accredited BSN program and satisfactorily complete the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). The National Council on State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) administers the NCLEX. Students must also have a Social Security number in order to become a licensed registered nurse in the State of Indiana.

Applying to the School of Nursing

A student must be admitted to IUB to apply to the IUB School of Nursing. For information regarding admission to IU Bloomington, contact the Office of Admissions (see contact information in the sidebar).

The IUB School of Nursing admits 80 students each fall semester and may have 250 applications. After a student is admitted to the School, the nursing curriculum takes six semesters to complete – and all of the coursework is completed on the Bloomington campus. The BSN degree is comprised of 45 credit hours of general education/pre-nursing courses and 75 credit hours of Nursing courses.

The nursing application is available online (January 15 to March 15) and final admission decisions are made after the spring semester classes have concluded. To apply to the School of Nursing, students must complete 29-31 credit hours (approximately 1 year) of pre-requisite coursework. Freshman students are eligible to apply during the spring semester of their freshman year.

Admission Criteria for the IUB School of Nursing

- Students must take five **required** courses (approximately 17 credit hours) and four **General Education** courses (approximately 12 credit hours) to be eligible to apply.

The five required courses are:

Human Anatomy (5 credits)
Finite Math (or an approved Calculus course) (3-4 credits)
Elementary Composition (3 credits)
Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
Introductory Sociology (3 credits)

Professional Accreditations, IUB

- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Indiana State Board of Nursing
- The Higher Learning Commission – a North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools



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

The School of Nursing in Fort Wayne (IUFW) joined Indiana University in 2018.

These five required courses plus four General Education courses total 29-31 credit hours and are calculated to determine a nursing application GPA (NGPA). A minimum NGPA of 3.0 at the time the applications are final is required and all courses must have a minimum grade of C. All application courses must be completed by the end of the spring 2021 term.

Additional Application Requirements

- **Student Disclosure Form:** As part of the application, students will also be required to complete a Student Disclosure Form to disclose any issues that would be documented on a National Criminal Background Check. National Criminal Background checks are required annually for all admitted nursing students. Students with pending charges or are currently in a pre-trial diversion program are ineligible until all conditions have been resolved. Students with more than one offense (including drinking tickets) may be ineligible to apply and students with an offense, such as theft, are disqualified from applying for 5 years. Please contact a nursing advisor with questions.
- **ATI TEAS Test (<https://www.atitesting.com>):** The Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) is a standardized test of achievement, measuring basic essential skills in the academic content domains of reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. Nurse educators feel that this test is the most appropriate and relevant test to measure entry-level academic readiness for nursing programs. The 150-question exam is taken online in a computer-testing center on the Bloomington campus and must be taken prior to the nursing application deadline (March 15). Students must receive an overall ATI TEAS score of Proficient (58.7%) to be eligible to apply to the School of Nursing. Admitted students who score lower than the proficient cut score in any content area will be supported with remediation and School of Nursing and /or IU support services during their first year in the program.

It is VERY important that students contact a nursing advisor BEFORE setting up the ATI account because there are specific instructions necessary for setting up the account correctly.

- **Social Security Number:** All students are required to have a valid SS# on file with the University to apply to the School of Nursing. The SS# is required by our health care facilities who provide clinical training space and grant students access to patient records and other information.
- **High School transcript:** All students are required to have a final high school transcript on file with the University.
- **Shadowing nurses:** It is strongly recommended that all students investigate the profession of nursing before making the decision to apply to the IUSON. The best options are to shadow and interview nurses, volunteer in a healthcare facility, have an internship opportunity or participate in a health occupations course, but online research, through websites such as www.discovernursing.com, the Occupational Outlook Handbook, www.jobshadow.com and www.explorehealthcareers.org will also help students understand the demands and rewards of a career in nursing.

**The admission criteria are subject to change.
Meeting IUSON admission criteria does not guarantee admission. Admission to the program depends on the number of spaces available and IUSON and University resources.**

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IUPUI and IUFW's Schools
of Nursing Fall 2021
Admission Criteria also
includes these required
courses:

- *Physiology
- *Public Speaking
- *Different general
education requirements
from IUB

See page 5 for IUB's
admission requirements

Contact a School of Nursing
advisor with questions

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Special Note to Incoming Freshman

Prior to beginning fall classes, students will attend a New Student Orientation (NSO) in the summer. The Office of First Year Experience Programs will provide students information about registering for NSO. To prepare for the advising session during NSO, follow these steps on the UD Orientation website: <https://ud.indiana.edu/orientation/new-students/index.html>

Advanced Placement or **International Baccalaureate** courses taken in high school may be used on the School of Nursing application. These transfer to IUB as non-graded courses and up to two non-graded courses may be used on the nursing application. The AP/IB Articulation Chart is on the Office of Admissions webpage: <http://admissions.indiana.edu/apply/freshman/ap.html>.

Dual Credit (ACP) courses may also be used for the nursing application. To determine how Dual Credit courses articulate to IUB, click on the IUB's Credit Transfer Service database <http://cts.admissions.indiana.edu/> and/or the statewide Indiana Core Transfer Library <https://transferin.net/earned-credits/core-transfer-library/>. Grades from dual credit courses will be used to calculate admission to the School of Nursing. Please consult with a nursing advisor for more information.

Transferring to IUB's School of Nursing

*****It is strongly recommended that transfer students meet with a nursing advisor prior to transferring to IUB*****

The four-year BSN can be completed at any of the IU campuses, including the Bloomington campus. However, the IUB, IUPUI and IUFW programs comprise an administrative unit known as the "Core" and the admission requirements for these campuses are similar. Preference will be given to students who have completed 51% of the application credits (or 5 courses) at a Core campus. If additional seats are available, students who have completed fewer than 51% of their application courses at a Core campus will be considered for admission. Admission requirements for the other regional campuses vary from the Core and inquiries about acceptance to other IU campuses should be directed to those campuses.

Nursing Scholarship Information

The School of Nursing offers nursing scholarships. Students receive information about the Nursing scholarships at the time of admission to the School. For descriptions of the available scholarships, see the IUPUI SON webpage: <http://nursing.iu.edu/undergraduate/tuition-aid/index.shtml>. All students must complete the FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form by the April 15 deadline to be eligible to apply. Some scholarships are nontransferable and financial aid does not automatically transfer from one IU campus to another. Students considering transferring to IUB or from IUB to another campus should contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance to determine if the scholarship or financial aid will transfer.

In addition to tuition, School of Nursing students have additional fees and expenses. These include program and clinical fees, uniforms, medical equipment, annual background checks and drug screens, immunizations, health insurance, CPR certification and online testing materials. These expenses (for the first year) are estimated at approximately \$5000.

2020-2021 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Map (IUB)
(subject to change)

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

Semester	Fall Semester Courses	Cr.	Spring Semester Courses	Cr.
Pre-Nursing Curriculum 29-31 credits (Pre-requisite courses are interchangeable between semesters)	**Finite Math Course or Calculus (3 - 4 cr.) **Introductory Sociology (3 cr.) Critical/Analytical/Science or IUB GenEd N&M Course (3 -5 cr.) IUB GenEd Social & Historical Studies Course (3 cr.) IUB GenEd Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.)	Total of 15 credit hours	**ANAT- A 215 - Human Anatomy (5 cr.) **Introductory Psychology (3 cr.) **English Composition Course (3 cr.) IUB GenEd World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.) **Required Courses for Nursing Application	Total of 14 credit hours
Nursing Curriculum <i>Semester 3 & 4</i> Clinical: 8-15 hrs/week	Semester 3 PHSL- P 215 – Human Physiology (5 cr.) NURS-B 234 – Promoting Healthy Populations (4 cr.) NURS-B 235 – Healthy Populations Practicum (1 cr.) NURS-B 244/B245 – Comprehensive Health Assessment with lab Practicum (4 cr. total) NURS-B 253 – Professionalism in Collaborative Practice (IPE) – (3 cr.)	Total of 17 credit hours	Semester 4 BIOL-M 200 & BIOL-M 215 - Microbiology Lecture/Lab (4 cr. total) NURS-B 260 – Nursing Fundamentals with practicum (5 cr.) NURS-B 261 – Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Nursing Practice (4 cr.) NURS-L 230 – Health Care Delivery Systems (3 cr.)	Total of 16 credit hours
Nursing Curriculum <i>Semester 5 & 6</i> Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week * NURS-B 334 & NURS-H 360 may be taught in opposite semesters.	Semester 5 NURS-H 355 – Data Analysis for Practice and Research (3 cr.) NURS-H 356 – Biophysical Processes with practicum – Medical/Surgical Nursing (5 cr.) NURS-H 360* – Interactive Processes with practicum – Psych/Neuro Nursing (5 cr.) IUB GenEd World Language or Culture Course (3 cr.) (if needed)	Total of 13 - 16 credit hours	Semester 6 NURS-B 334* – Transitional Care of Families and Populations with practicum – OB, Pediatrics, Community Nursing (5 cr.) NURS-H 371 – Adaptive Processes with practicum – Medical/Surgical Nursing (5 cr.) NURS-R 375 – Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice (3 cr.)	Total of 13 credit hours
Nursing Curriculum <i>Semester 7 & 8</i> Clinical: 16-20 hrs/week *NURS-B 444, NURS-H 403, NURS-H 476 & NURS-L 430 may be taught in opposite semesters.	Semester 7 NURS-L 430* – Leadership in Healthcare Delivery and Policy with practicum (5 cr.) NURS-S 474 –Applied Healthcare Ethics (3 cr.) NURS-H 476* – Complex Processes with practicum – Adult Critical Care (5 cr.) IUB GenEd Arts & Humanities Course (3 cr.) (if needed)	Total of 12 - 16 credit hours	Semester 8 NURS-B 444* - Managing Health and Illness Across Care Environments with Practicum – Community Health Nursing (5 cr.) NURS-H 403* – Clinical Intensive (2 cr.) NURS-S 483-Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone (3 cr.) NURS-S 488 – Nursing Synthesis (2 cr.) Elective (1 cr.) (if needed)	Total of 12 - 14 credit hours

Admission Criteria – for Fall 2022 (IUB campus)

Required Course GPA (65% of the admission score)

- **Anatomy – (R = required)** (5 credits) – an in-person lab is required (ANAT-A 215)
- **Finite Math or Calculus - R** (3-4 credits) – (MATH-V 118, V119, D116/117, M118, M119 or M211)
- **English Composition - R** (3 cr.) – (ENG-W 131, ENG-W 170 or CMLT-C 110)
- **Introduction to Psychology - R** (3 cr.) – PSY-P 101, P102 or P155)
- **Introduction to Sociology - R** (3 cr.) – (SOC-S 100, S101 or S230)

General Education Course GPA (35% of the admission score)

- Critical/Analytical/Science (CAS) or IUB GenEd N&M Science course - **R** – (1 course) (3-5 cr.)
- Choice of 3 student-selected General Education courses:
 - IUB GenEd Social & Historical Studies requirement (1 course max)
 - IUB GenEd World Languages or World Cultures requirement (2 courses max) and/or
 - IUB GenEd Arts & Humanities requirement (2 courses max)

***Note** - GenEd courses **cannot double count** for the application or the nursing degree.

ATI TEAS Test (Test of Essential Academic Skills) – waived through Spring 2022 due to COVID

- Exam covers Reading, English & Language Usage, Math and Science (includes anatomy/physiology).
- Online exam given by IUB Testing Service in fall or spring semester.
- Exam must be completed by the application deadline.
- Students must earn a minimum score of 58.7% (Proficient) to be eligible to apply.
- Exam scores will be valid for two years from the date of the test.
- Review materials are available at www.atitesting.com and in the Wells Library reserve desk and the Offices for Groups Scholars and 21st Century Scholars.

Other Criteria

- Students must attend a **School of Nursing Mandatory Application Information Session** prior to making application to the School of Nursing.
- Students must complete an online **Student Disclosure of Criminal Conviction and Pending Criminal Charges Form** as part of the nursing application, due March 15, 2022.
- Nursing GPA (all courses listed on the nursing application) – must be at least a 3.0 at the time of applications are final. Courses must be completed by the end of the spring 2022 term.
- Courses determining the Nursing GPA may include (in addition to IUB/IUPUI/IUFW graded courses); ACP (dual credit) grades awarded by IU or other universities, Advanced Placement or special departmental/test credits, and transferred course grades.
- Two Advanced Placement or special departmental credit courses *may* be able to be used on the nursing application for a total of 7 credit hours.
- Letter grades (not S/F grades) must be used for all application courses and courses required for the School of Nursing degree.
- Up to four transfer courses (which include non-IUB/IUPUI/IUFW awarded ACP grades) may be used on the application; these grades are included in the Nursing GPA.
- A maximum of two attempts for any required course (**R**) is allowed for a course that has been failed. The grade used on the second attempt will be used to calculate the GPAs for admission purposes. A grade of C or higher must be attained for each course by the second completed attempt. This includes grades earned in physiology, microbiology and all nursing courses. Required (**R**) courses taken as ACP or transferred from other schools will be considered for the nursing application and will count as a first attempt.
- Required Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology and Math courses must be less than 7 years old at the time of admission and the 3 required Science courses must have in-person labs if possible. Online and simulation labs accepted through Summer 2022.
- Undistributed credit can be used to satisfy requirements for the Critical/Analytical/Science requirement or elective credit only.
- Students are ineligible for admission to the School of Nursing if they have been dismissed from another School of Nursing program.

Career Development Center

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Health Professions and Prelaw Center

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Hutton Honors College

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Division of Residential Programs & Services

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Admission to Nursing FAQ's

What can a student do if they are not admitted?

All students are encouraged to think about a contingency plan - and every student's plan is different. Students may apply again during a future admission cycle (spring semester at IUPUI or IUFW, or fall semester at IUB, IUPUI or IUFW). Students will want to have an alternate major or other nursing program for which they are taking courses, so that they will be on track to graduate in a timely manner. It is recommended that students consult a School of Nursing advisor to explore other nursing options.

The Career Development Center is a great place to start learning about other careers or majors and freshman students are encouraged to drop in for a walk-in advising appointment. The Health Professions and Prelaw Center website at IUB is also an excellent resource for students considering other health care majors offered at IUB. See their HPPLC Guidebook. Many other Schools and departments offer majors with a healthcare focus. For example, the [School of Public Health – Bloomington](#) offers many health-care related majors and its website has easy to find information about their undergraduate degree options.

Is this a good major for a student who wants to be a Physician, Physician Assistant or Physical Therapist?

No! The BSN is a pre-licensure program that prepares students to become licensed registered nurses. The types of courses that a student needs for most PA or medical schools are not required for the nursing application or major. In addition, there is no time in a nursing student's schedule to take the required chemistry, biology and physics courses that are typical admissions courses for PA, PT and medical schools.

Can I pursue a minor?

Yes, some minors are obtainable while in the School of Nursing. Due to the scheduling of clinical courses, it is important to talk with a School of Nursing advisor about your interest in a minor during your first year at IUB.

Can I be in the Hutton Honors College?

Yes, being a member of the HHC is possible. Talk with a HHC and a Nursing advisor about your interests. Plan to take 2 Honors courses during your freshman year.

Can I study abroad and be a nursing student?

Yes, however admitted nursing students would need to plan their study abroad for the summer only.

Is there a preferred residence hall for pre-nursing students?

No. There is no residence hall that works best for freshmen who are interested in nursing. The pre-requisite courses are all over campus! However, there may be residential academic villages or learning communities available that appeal to pre-nursing students, such as a Fitness and Wellness Living Learning Center or a Health Sciences Thematic Community. For current information, see the Residential Programs and Services website <http://www.rps.indiana.edu/lclist.cfml>.

Are there any mandatory meetings I need to attend?

All IUB students interested in applying to the School of Nursing must attend a Mandatory Application Information Meeting (dates will be in the fall) nursing students attend a mandatory School of Nursing orientation. This orientation is held in August on the Thursday and Friday prior to the first day of the first semester in the Nursing curriculum (Semester 3).