

Indiana State University School of Nursing Undergraduate Traditional Track

Admission, Progression, Retention, Dismissal, and Graduation Policy Nursing Major – Students Entering without LPN/LVN Licensure

Admission Criteria

Pre-nursing Requirements

Students who are admitted to the University with unconditional standing may begin the program of study in nursing as pre-nursing majors (nursing non-designated).

Students will be considered for admission to the nursing major in the second year, second semester (NURS 209, 218, and 309) after meeting the following criteria:

1. Submission of a complete application portfolio by the deadline (see application checklist).
2. Inclusion of an approved national level criminal background check, performed within seven (7) months of the application deadline, in the application portfolio.
3. Submission of a negative 10-panel drug screen within 30 days of application (result included in application portfolio) and signed copy of drug screening procedure and policy acknowledgement form.
4. Following completion of required pre-nursing courses, a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale (from all institutions attended within ten (10) years of application).
Please note the actual cumulative grade point average for students admitted to the program may be significantly higher than 2.75.
5. A minimum science grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for required science courses (all attempts at all institutions within the last ten years): Biology 231/231L and 241/241L or Athletic Training 210/210L and Physical Education 220 (lab included); Biology 274/274L; Chemistry 100/100L or higher-level chemistry course.
6. A grade of C or above in NURS 104 or CHHS 101 within the last ten (10) years. Please note: NURS 104 or CHHS 101 may be repeated only one time. Failure of the course for a second time will result in ineligibility for admission to the major for a minimum of five (5) years.
7. A grade of C or above earned within the last ten years in the following cognate courses: Psychology 101; Biology 231/231L and 241/241L or Athletic Training 210/210L and Physical Education 220 (lab included); Biology 274/274L; Chemistry 100/100L or higher-level chemistry course; Communication 101; MATH 241 or Applied Health Science 240; and Applied Health Science 201 (see Transfer Students section for requirements for those that already have a BS/BA or AA/AS/AAS).
8. Dismissal from any nursing program will result in ineligibility for admission to the

- major for a minimum of five (5) years.
9. Failure of any single cognate course in the nursing curriculum, whether taken at ISU or at another institution, for a second time will result in ineligibility for admission to the major for a minimum of five (5) years.
 10. Failure of any three different cognate courses in the nursing curriculum, whether taken at ISU or at another institution, will result in ineligibility for admission to the major for a minimum of five years.
 11. Failure of a science course and its laboratory in the same semester counts as one course failure. Failure of a science course in one semester and the lab in a different semester, whether taken at ISU or at another institution, counts as failure of the course for a second time and results in ineligibility for admission to the major for five (5) years.
 12. Any applicant who receives an offer of admission to the major but opts not to enroll for that admission cycle must reapply. Admission is competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria for the application cycle does not guarantee admission.

Transfer Students

A student applying to an Indiana State University nursing program receives the same consideration for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing major as any matriculating Indiana State University nursing student, provided the minimum admission requirements for the major have been met with courses either at Indiana State University or through transfer or equivalent courses from another accredited collegiate institution.

Transfer applicants who have completed a portion of the nursing curriculum at another accredited institution will be held to the same progression, retention, dismissal, and graduation requirements as matriculating students.

Before being considered for admission to the major, students that have earned a baccalaureate degree must receive a grade of C or above, within the last ten years, in the following cognate courses: PSY 101; BIO 231/231L and 241/241L or ATTR 210/210L and PE 220 (lab included); BIO 274/274L; CHEM 100/100L or higherlevel chemistry course; MATH 241 or AHS 240; and AHS 201. Students that have earned a baccalaureate degree will not be required to complete NURS 104 or CHHS 101.

Before being considered for admission to the major, students that have earned an Associate's degree (AA, AS, AAS) must receive a grade of C or above, within the last ten years, in the following cognate courses: PSY 101; BIO 231/231L and 241/241L or ATTR 210/210L and PE 220 (lab included); BIO 274/274L; CHEM 100/100L or higher level chemistry course; MATH 241 or AHS 240; and AHS 201. Students must complete COMM 101 with a grade of C or above, but the course may be more than ten years old at the time of application. Students may request a waiver of NURS 104 or CHHS 101. Requests will be considered on an individual basis.

Progression, Retention, and Dismissal

1. All students, regardless of prior degrees, must achieve a minimum grade of C in either EPSY 221 or PSY 266.
2. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C as well as satisfactory performance for the clinical component of each nursing course.
3. Failure of any cognate course in the nursing curriculum (pre-nursing through senior year), whether taken at ISU or another institution, for a second time will result in **dismissal** from the program.
4. Failure of any three (3) cognate courses in the nursing curriculum (pre-nursing through senior year), whether taken at ISU or another institution, will result in **dismissal** from the program. Each failed cognate science course and its laboratory count as one course.
5. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 throughout their enrollment in the Baccalaureate Nursing program.
6. Withdrawal from all courses in the nursing major during the first term after admission without School of Nursing approval will be considered a withdrawal from the program. A student may reapply for admission in any subsequent term.
7. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C as well as satisfactory performance for the clinical component of each nursing course.
 - a) The theory component in a course must be completed with at least a C.
 - b) Clinical assignments must be completed with at least a C.
8. To receive a satisfactory clinical grade, all clinical requirements must be completed; these include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a) All clinical assignments and written evaluations from the student.
 - b) All clinical evaluation tools including student evaluation of clinical performance and completion of clinical objectives as documented by the preceptor at midterm and end of the semester or as deemed necessary by the course faculty.
9. Not following clinical rules and guidelines may result in a clinical failure and/or **dismissal** from the program.
10. Two clinical unsatisfactories in a course will result in failure of the course.
11. Students must maintain integrity, honesty, and patient safety during all nursing courses and learning environments. Any violation resulting in removal from a site or jeopardizing future placements will lead to a clinical failure and disciplinary action, up to and including **dismissal** from the nursing program. Any violation of the Professional Conduct and Student Expectations Policy (PCSEP) will lead to disciplinary action, including potential course failure and dismissal from the nursing program.
12. A failed nursing course may be repeated only one time. Failure of any nursing course for a second time will result in **dismissal** from the program.

13. Failure of any two (2) nursing courses, excluding NURS 104 or CHHS 101, will result in **dismissal** from the program.
14. Any student repeating a clinical nursing course must repeat both the theoretical and clinical components of the course.
15. Any student who has been dismissed from the nursing program will not be considered for readmission for a period of five (5) years. If readmitted, the student will start the course of studies from the beginning.
16. Students must complete competency testing throughout the program of study based on course requirements.
17. Loss of access to third party vendor educational, instructional, or testing materials based on an academic integrity violation resulting in the inability to access materials by the vendor may result in the inability to continue progression and consequently result in **dismissal** from the program.
18. Any student who has been dismissed from the nursing program will not be considered for readmission for a period of five (5) years. If readmitted, the student will start the course of studies from the beginning.
19. Any student who has been dismissed from the University may be considered for readmission only in accordance with the University Readmission policy.
20. Students must maintain compliance with all pre-clinical requirements (i.e., current CPR certification, receipt of specified immunizations and annual Tb test, annual completion of bloodborne pathogen training, reporting of any criminal charges incurred since submission of the original criminal background check) throughout the program.
 - a) Students must be in compliance for the fall semester by August 1. Compliance items that expire at any time during the fall semester must be updated, and documentation must be submitted, before August 1.
 - b) If approval is given to enroll in a summer nursing course, compliance items that expire at any time during the summer semester must be updated, and documentation must be submitted, before May 1.
21. Failure to meet the criteria will result in prohibition from participation in the clinical component of the course, which will result in clinical unsatisfactoriness and potentially course failure.
22. Students who are not in compliance by the deadline may be administratively dropped from all nursing courses even if classes are not in session.
23. Enrollments in clinical nursing courses will be determined by the following priorities:
 - a) Continuing students – students who are on track with their original nursing progression plan.
 - b) Advanced placement students – students who have earned advanced placement in the sequence of nursing courses and who will be enrolling in their first clinical nursing course.
 - c) Non-continuing students – students in good standing who have dropped out of the sequence of clinical nursing courses for at least one semester.
 - d) Non-progressing students – students who must repeat a clinical nursing

course.

Graduation Requirements

The Board of Trustees of Indiana State University grants the degree of Bachelor of Science to those candidates who are recommended for the degree by the faculty after fulfilling all University requirements for graduation and having achieved the following:

1. Maintenance of a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or above.
2. Passage of each nursing course and cognate course with a minimum grade of C.

The graduate is eligible to apply for the examination for licensure to practice as a registered nurse, National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN).

Request for Re-entry to the Program

1. A student may re-enroll providing there is space in the semester in which they are seeking admission.
2. Any student who is re-entering must adhere to the University Readmission policy and be in good academic standing.
3. Any prior academic violation may impact re-entry.
4. Students will not be considered for re-entry,
 - a. less than 1 month prior to the start of summer or fall classes OR
 - b. less than 2 months prior to the start of Spring classes
5. If progression in the major stops for longer than one semester, but less than two years, for any reason (other than **dismissal**), the student will be required to complete testing to ensure continuing competency before resumption of coursework will be allowed.
6. Students may be required to repeat select courses if competency is not maintained.
7. The student may be required to start the course of studies from the beginning and/or demonstrate competency.

Request for Reinstatement

A student who has been **dismissed** from the nursing program for academic failure, or any other reason, may request a review for reinstatement. The written request for reinstatement should be addressed to the Associate Director of Students. If the **dismissal** was for academic performance, a Plan of Improvement must be included with the request. Reinstatement will be based on the decision of the Student Affairs Committee.

Reinstatement is not guaranteed, and no student may be reinstated more than once. A reinstated student will be **dismissed** upon failure of any additional required course in the program of study. Students who are reinstated must adhere to the policies, guidelines, and curriculum of the nursing program and the recommendations of the Student Affairs Committee.

at the time of reinstatement. The date of reinstatement will be determined by the Associate Director of Academics in consultation with the Program Coordinator based on space availability.

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