

Indiana State University
School of Nursing
BSN-DNP Program
How to Apply

Please check the availability of the on-line program in your [state](#).

Questions regarding the admission process or requirements should be directed to Indiana State University's School of Nursing via [email](#).

Apply to Indiana State [Graduate and Professional Studies](#).

Please note that there is a non-refundable fee for this application.

1. Create an account for "[First-time users](#)"
2. Select new application
3. Enter "Personal information" and "Citizenship" to ensure you can see all of the programs for which you are eligible to apply. **Skipping this section or not answering questions will disqualify you from select programs.**
4. Under "Graduate Program of Study," you will need to select the following five items:
 - a. Select "Indiana State University Online" under the campus option.
 - b. Select "Nursing" under the field of study.
 - c. Select "DNP – Nursing Practice (from BSN)".
 - d. Select the term for which you wish to apply.
 - e. Select Student Type for "New Graduate" or "Returning" (if previously enrolled in an ISU graduate program).
5. Complete "Academic History", "Additional Information", and "Military".
6. Under Recommendations, after you have obtained permission to use someone as a reference, enter their name and email address into your application.
 - a. Send each reference the [Graduate Nursing Recommendation Form](#) (we suggest entering your name and program information before sending).
 - b. References will receive an email from Indiana State Admissions with a link to upload the completed form.
 - c. **References only need to complete the form. A formal letter is not required.**
7. Once you are finished, confirm your intention to apply with "Signature" and "Review" to submit.
8. After you submit the application, upload all of the required program materials listed below.

[Required Program Materials](#)

1. [Transcripts](#)
 - a. Official transcripts must be sent directly to ISU Admissions from all undergraduate and, if applicable, any graduate institutions you have attended.
 - i. A bachelor's degree in nursing is required. Students in a BSN program may apply in their final semester of baccalaureate studies.
 - ii. Applicants must have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - b. English as second language students must achieve the following TOEFL scores or greater: TOEFL – 550 (PBT), 79- 80 (IBT), or 213 (CBT). The School of Nursing does not accept alternate English proficiency tests.
2. [Required Program Materials](#) (application is not complete until all requirements are received)
 - a. CV/Resume – This document should include employment history and community service.
 - b. Personal Goal Statement – The personal statement is limited to 1,000 words or less in APA format. It should describe your professional goals and address (1) why you are pursuing your DNP, (2) how the

degree will enhance your future professional roles and activities, and (3) ways that graduate education will help you achieve your career goals. The personal statement must contain clear evidence that the applicant has read the [DNP Program Outcomes](#) and incorporated them into the statement.

- c. Government-issued Photo ID – Provide a color copy of your driver’s license or passport.
- d. [Criminal Background Check](#) - The background check must be completed via Castlebranch using the Indiana State code (see above link). The full completed check must be uploaded to the university application.
- e. RN License Verification – Provide verification of current, unencumbered licensure from your state board of nursing website or [Nursys.com](#). *A copy of your license is not sufficient.*
- f. [Proof of Current Healthcare Provider level CPR Certification](#)
- g. [Nursing Program Immunization Record](#) – All sections of this form must be filled out and signed on page two by a healthcare provider. *Submitting other documentation in lieu of this form is not sufficient.*

All students must maintain compliance with the [Student Nursing Health Policy](#) throughout the program.

3. Recommendations

- a. Three professional/academic recommendations are required with at least one academic recommendation preferred. *Family and friends are not appropriate to use for recommendations.*
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Application Timeline

After the published deadline, completed applications will be shared with the Admissions Committee. Applicants are evaluated on a competitive basis.

Please allow 4-6 weeks after the deadline for notification of your admission decision. A video or in-person interview may be required.

All applicants will be notified of their admission decision via the email address provided on their application.

***Students offered admission into the program are required to accept their seat by submitting a non-refundable \$100.00 seat fee by the deadline set by the committee.*

Evaluation Process

Applicants to the BSN-DNP program are evaluated on a competitive basis. Optimal candidate scoring is based on:

- Completed application
- Earned baccalaureate degree in nursing
- GPA
- Excellent, compelling, and clear goals that intersect closely with [DNP Program Outcomes](#) and are well-written with originality and creativity
- High ratings on recommendation forms

- CNA, LPN, RN, healthcare administration, medical scribe, or other related experience
- Leadership roles in healthcare or related fields
- Community service involvement

Note: Admission decisions are made by a committee of School of Nursing faculty utilizing a scoring rubric that incorporates the aforementioned elements.

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