

Indiana State University
School of Nursing
Undergraduate Second Degree Accelerated Hybrid / Online Track
Admission, Progression, Retention, Dismissal, and Graduation Policy
Nursing Major – Accelerated Second Degree – Hybrid / Online

Admission Criteria

Students will be considered for admission to the nursing major after meeting the following criteria:

1. Submission of an official transcript verifying a baccalaureate degree earned from an accredited institution. International degrees must be verified by a credential evaluation report from one of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) members approved by Indiana State and deemed equivalent and acceptable by Indiana State Admissions Office.
2. Submission of a complete application portfolio by the deadline. (See checklist on final page of application form.)
3. Inclusion of an approved national level criminal background check, performed within 3 months of the application deadline, in the application portfolio.
4. Submission of a negative 10-panel drug screen within 30 days of application (result included in the application portfolio) and signed copy of drug screening procedure and policy acknowledgement form.
5. A minimum cumulative pre-requisite grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale (all attempts of the nine pre-requisite cognate courses within the last ten years).
Please note the actual cumulative grade point average for students admitted to the program may be significantly higher than the minimum required.
6. A minimum cumulative science grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for required science courses (all attempts 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; Biology 412; and Chemistry 100/100L or higher-level chemistry course.
7. A grade of C or above earned within the last ten years in the following cognate courses: Educational Psychology 221 or Psychology 266; Psychology 101; Biology 231/231L and 241/241L or Athletic Training 210/210L and Physical Education 220 (lab included); Biology 274/274L; Biology 412; Chemistry 100/100L or higher level chemistry course; Applied Health Science 240, MATH 241, or an approved college-level statistics course; and Applied Health Science 201.
8. Completing the pre-admission examination and meeting or exceeding any required benchmarks. The section scores for reading, writing, math and science will be used in the selection process.
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 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 years.
12. Any applicant who receives an offer of admission to the major but opts not to enroll for that admission cycle must reapply and may need to retake the pre-admission examination if the minimum required scores have been raised or other changes have been made.
13. 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 track have been met with courses either at Indiana State University or with 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, and graduation requirements as matriculating students.

Progression, Retention, and Dismissal Policies

1. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 throughout their enrollment in the Baccalaureate Nursing program.
2. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C as well as satisfactory performance for the clinical component of each nursing course.
3. 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.
4. Failure of any two nursing courses in the nursing curriculum will result in dismissal from the program.
5. Any student repeating a clinical nursing course must repeat both the theoretical and clinical components of the course.

6. 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 over from the beginning.
7. Students must complete competency testing throughout the program of study based on course requirements.
8. 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. The student may be required to repeat select courses if competency has not been maintained. If progression in the major stops for two years or more, the student is required to reapply and, if admitted, the student will start the program over from the beginning.
9. Students must maintain compliance with all pre-clinical requirements (i.e., current CPR certification, receipt of specified immunizations, annual Tb test, annual completion of blood borne pathogen training, reporting of any criminal charges incurred since submission of the original criminal background check) throughout the program.
 - 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.
 - Students must be in compliance for the spring semester by December 1. Compliance items that expire at any time during the spring semester must be updated, and documentation must be submitted, before December 1.
 - Students must be in compliance for the summer semester by May 1. Compliance items that expire at any time during the summer semester must be updated, and documentation submitted, before May 1.
 - Failure to meet the criteria will result in prohibition from participation in the clinical component of the course, which will result in an unsatisfactory clinical rating, and potentially course failure.
 - Students who are not in compliance by the deadline may be administratively dropped from all nursing courses even if classes are not in session.
10. Enrollments in clinical nursing courses will be determined by the following priorities:
 - Continuing students – students who are on track with their original nursing progression plan.
 - 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.
 - Non-continuing students – students in good standing who have dropped out of the sequence of clinical nursing courses for at least one semester.
 - 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 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 a reinstatement will be determined by the Associate Director of Academics in consultation with the Program Coordinator based on space availability.

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