

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Online RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Earn Your Bachelor's Degree

Recognized by *The Princeton Review* and *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best colleges in the Midwest, Indiana State University's College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services, which is NLNAC-accredited and a member of the National League for Nursing (NLN), has distinguished itself as one of the nation's premier online nursing programs. Earning your baccalaureate degree from a program committed to distinction is a powerful experience that can open the door to unlimited possibilities.

Indiana State University has partnered with The College Network™ to offer a Bachelor of Science in nursing program for RNs interested in advancing their knowledge, experience, and career potential. This program is completed entirely online, making a fulfilling educational experience possible wherever you are.

As one of the nation's leading eLearning companies and a partner with some of the nation's foremost institutions of higher learning, The College Network has helped hundreds of thousands of adults continue their education. Our self-paced program prepares you to earn college credit by passing end-of-course college equivalency exams. Once you complete your general education requirements, your credits can be transferred to Indiana State University where you will complete the rest of your degree program online.

You will complete the clinical components of your program locally with an approved preceptor. Recommend potential clinical sites in your community and your Indiana State University clinical coordinator will facilitate your placement by working with the healthcare facility to meet the requirements of your state's board of registered nursing.

Your success is our number one priority! That's why our programs include complete academic support to ensure that you receive the tools necessary to be academically successful on your educational journey. Academic Advisors are available by phone or online.*

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Overview

Indiana State University's College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services offers an engaging and rewarding degree program that fosters your development as a nurse who will enhance the quality of life for others.

The goal of Indiana State University's RN to BS in nursing program, offered in partnership with The College Network, is to provide the highest level of nursing education possible. This track offers RNs an alternative curriculum for earning a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

*For The College Network portion of the program



- NLNAC-accredited
- Convenient blended-learning format
- Earn up to 64 credit hours through test-out and transfer
- Previously earned college credits may apply
- Complete at your own pace
- No classroom attendance required
- All clinical learning hours are completed locally
- Financing is guaranteed for The College Network portion of the program



Program Progression

The RN to BS in nursing degree program is divided into two phases with a minimum of 124 semester hours required for program completion.

Phase I

You may complete all of your general education courses using The College Network's™ Comprehensive Learning Modules™ in Phase I before progressing to Phase II, or you may choose a “dual progress” format.

Although it is not required, we encourage you to complete this program in a “dual progress” format. Dual progress will allow you to complete The College Network's Comprehensive Learning Modules along with Indiana State University's online courses. This accelerated dual progress format will help you reach your goal of graduation at a much quicker pace.

Phase II

During Phase II, you will apply for admission into the RN to BS in Nursing degree program. This is a two-step process. You must first apply to Indiana State University as a degree-seeking transfer student. The application for admission can be accessed at www.indstate.edu/admission/applications/transfer.htm.

Upon receipt of acceptance into Indiana State University, you may apply to the College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services. The application for admission to the College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services can be accessed at www.indstate.edu/nursing/programs/bs/rn-bs/rn-bs-application-for-admission.htm.

Upon receipt of acceptance into Indiana State University's College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services, you will complete the remainder of The College Network's Comprehensive Learning Modules (if applicable). Also, you will complete eight (8) online nursing courses in addition to your clinicals.

Clinical Nursing Courses

To supplement the theory portion of the nursing core requirements, students will engage in three separate clinical learning experiences in NURS 304, NURS 450, and NURS 484. Since each experience is distinct in its goals and applications, the student will be given the opportunity to explore different aspects of the multifaceted health care industry. The student will complete these experiences under the supervision of faculty-approved preceptors.



Course Descriptions (Phase II)

(courses are listed in order of completion)

<p>NURS 300 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (4 SH)</p> <p>Exploration of the role transition process as well as issues within nursing and the health care system are the focus. Examination of the theoretical basis for professional nursing practice and review and expansion of computer skills are emphasized.</p>	<p>NURS 450 Population-Focused Community Health Nursing (6 SH)*</p> <p>The focus of this course is the professional nurse's role in working with aggregates in the community. Four classroom hours and six clinical hours per week. Prerequisites: NURS 318, 322, 324, 328, 330; or 300, 304, 318, 322.</p> <p>Involves 90 hours of clinical learning experience outside of the online studies in a community agency, such as a local health department, school nurse station, or occupational health-nursing agency.</p>
<p>NURS 304 Comprehensive Health Assessment for Nursing Practice (4 SH)*</p> <p>Comprehensive health assessment skills are applied to nursing practice with clients throughout the life span. Three classroom hours and three clinical hours per week. Pre- or co-requisite: NURS 300 or consent of instructor.</p> <p>Involves 45 hours of clinical education in the comprehensive health assessment of clients throughout the lifespan.</p>	<p>NURS 470 Nursing Leadership (3 SH)</p> <p>Emphasis is placed on examining leadership and management roles. Factors that influence quality of care delivery are examined. Three classroom hours per week. Co-requisite: concurrent enrollment in NURS 484 or 486 or consent of instructor.</p>
<p>NURS 318 Nursing Care of Families in Stress and Crisis (3 SH)</p> <p>The role of the professional nurse in providing therapeutic nursing interventions for families experiencing significant life changes is emphasized. Three classroom hours per week. Prerequisites: NURS 226; or pre- or co-requisite: NURS 300 or consent of instructor.</p>	<p>NURS 484 Reflective Nursing Practice (3 SH)*</p> <p>This clinical concentration course provides opportunity for synthesis and evaluation of professional nursing role behaviors essential to care of clients experiencing complex care needs in a variety of settings. Nine clinical hours per week. Prerequisites: NURS 424, 450, or 450 only if enrolled in Baccalaureate Track for Registered Nurses; pre- or co-requisite: NURS 470.</p> <p>Involves 135 hours of clinical learning experience only. This clinical concentration course provides an opportunity for synthesis and evaluation of professional nursing role behaviors essential to the care of clients experiencing complex health needs across the lifespan in a variety of settings.</p>
<p>NURS 322 Research/Theoretical Basis for Nursing Practice (3 SH)</p> <p>The course focuses on examination and application of clinical scholarship through evidence-based practice. Emphasis is on skills for research applied to clinical practice. Three classroom hours per week. Prerequisites: NURS 224, 226, 228, or consent of instructor; pre- or co-requisites: Educational Psychology 302 or Health and Safety 340.</p>	<p>NURS 486 Professional Nursing Synthesis (3 SH)</p> <p>This course serves as the capstone course for the integration, synthesis, and reflection of professionalism, professional goals, and professional nursing practice informed through multiple ways of knowing and experiences grounded in historical, literary, artistic, scientific, and technological perspectives. Issues and trends germane to contemporary nursing are explored. Three classroom hours per week. Prerequisites: NURS 424 and 450; or 450 and 470. Must be taken as last course in the last semester of the program. [GE 2003: Capstone Course]</p>

SH = Semester Hours

* Clinical courses

Admissions Criteria

Indiana State University evaluates your total application package. Once your application is complete, the program director will weigh all aspects, including professional experience and activities, to arrive at a decision based on an assessment of your capacity for study.

Applicant requirements:

1. Apply and be granted admission to the university as a degree-seeking transfer student. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale for admissions into the university.
2. Have proof of current licensure as a registered nurse in the United States. Applicants must have a current RN license in the state where clinicals will be completed.*
3. Have completed an associate's degree with a major in nursing from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) in an accredited collegiate institution.**
4. Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for admission into the College of Nursing, Health, and Human Services.

*An applicant may be admitted conditionally with formal admission pending receipt/verification of licensure no later than the time of enrollment in the first clinical nursing course.

**The application of a graduate from an accredited diploma program or an associate degree program that is not accredited will be evaluated through Admission Portfolio review.

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The program information in this publication is current at the time of printing. The most up-to-date information is available at www.college-net.com, or you can speak with a Program Advisor at 1-877-CLM LEARN (256-5327).