

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is there financial aid available?

A: Limited Financial Aid Opportunities are available through the university's Office of Student Financial Aid. Visit their website at <http://www.iusb.edu/~finaid/> or call 574-520-4357.

Q: Can I maintain a full-time job while pursuing the Accelerated BSN Program Option?

A: No. The program begins in summer and students are scheduled for 35-40 hour weeks, followed by a traditional fall and spring full-time semester. The second summer resumes the 35-40 hour weeks with graduation at the end of that semester. We recommend a limited work schedule, usually 15-20 hours per week during the traditional semesters.

Q: Why an IU South Bend degree?

A: As an IU South Bend School of Nursing graduate, you will be culturally competent and able to provide holistic nursing care to a variety of communities. Most importantly, you will have the skills needed to practice within the ethical and legal framework of the nursing profession. You will be able to serve as an effective communicator, professional role model and responsible manager who balances human, fiscal and material resources to achieve high quality health care outcomes.

Q: What areas of nursing can I expect to experience?

A: Your clinical and practical experiences will complement what you learn in the classroom. As part of your nursing capstone experience, you will be exposed to hospital and/or community-based nursing—focusing on areas such as the operating room, emergency room, critical care, acute care, neonatal intensive care, pediatric care, and community care.

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If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Please contact an academic advisor in Student Services for additional information.

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The IU School of Nursing's BSN degree is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING

Welcome to IU South Bend and to an exciting option in nursing available to students with an earned baccalaureate degree, and who are interested in obtaining a second baccalaureate degree in nursing. As a graduate of IU South Bend's School of Nursing's accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) option, you will be eligible to apply for an RN license and enter the nursing workforce—fulfilling your desire to begin a rewarding career in health care.

Students pursuing our accelerated option are eligible for application to the program upon completion of all required science and core general education prerequisites. (See center page for specific courses.) Admission is competitive. Once accepted you will complete our full-time accelerated BSN program option in just 15 months. Many credit hours from general education courses (humanities, communications and social sciences) successfully completed in your first degree, should transfer and be applied to your BSN degree.

Currently, our BSN program requires a total of 123 credit hours. Sixty credit hours of General Education (includes core courses), and sixty-three credit hours of Nursing major courses.

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE PROGRAM

Natural Sciences

Chemistry C 102 3 cr. hrs.
Anatomy and Physiology 8-10 cr. hrs.
(includes labs)
Microbiology with lab 4-5 cr. hrs.
Statistics 3 cr. hrs.
(All above courses must be earned within the past 7 years)

21 credit hours

Communication

College Composition 3 cr. hrs.
Public Speaking 3 cr. hrs.
Communication Elective 3 cr. hrs.

9 credit hours

Cultural Diversity

Elective Courses from History, Women's Studies, Foreign Language, Religion, English, and other approved courses.

6 credit hours

Social Competence

Intro to Psychology 3 cr. hrs.
Principles of Sociology 3 cr. hrs.
Life Span Development Psychology 3 cr. hrs. (Must be earned within the past 7 years)
Elective course 3 cr. hrs.

12 credit hours

Humanistic Appreciation

Introduction to Ethics 3 cr. hrs.

6 credit hours

Biomedical Ethics 3 cr. hrs.
(to be completed during program)

Open Electives

Elective Courses

6 credit hours

Minimum Cumulative GPA from first undergraduate degree

2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Minimum Application GPA (average of all above General Education Courses)

3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Apply to IU South Bend if you are a new student to Indiana University. Submit official transcripts from each college/university attended. This process will begin the initial credit transfer review. You may apply online at: www.iusb.edu/~admissio/applications.shtml
- ◆ Apply to IU South Bend School of Nursing's accelerated BSN program option. **Applications are available December 1 with a submission deadline of February 1.** Applications are available in Student Services, Northside Hall 456 B/C or by calling 574-520-4571. Submit a second set of official transcripts with this application.
- ◆ Minimum Cumulative GPA requirement of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- ◆ Minimum Application GPA requirement of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- ◆ Students meeting the above grade-point averages are not guaranteed admission into the Accelerated BSN Program Option. Admission is selective and driven by the qualified applicant pool.
- ◆ Compose a personal goal statement that speaks to your career goals and addresses the essay question requirement found on the application. Your statement should also comment on your commitment to complete the program.
- ◆ Applicants chosen after first review will be offered a personal interview before final selections are made.
- ◆ Make an appointment with one of our academic advisors by calling 574-520-4571 to determine if the Accelerated BSN Program Option is right for you!