Admissions Requirements

- Official transcripts from all post-secondary coursework.
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- GRE not required. Applicants with an undergraduate GPA less than 3.0 may take the GRE to demonstrate readiness for graduate education.
- Current unencumbered Indiana RN license with no actions taken or pending in any state.
- Statistics grade of B– or higher in a 3 credit, 500 level or higher class from an accredited university within the last 5 years.
- 250 word essay describing and explaining professional career aspirations as an advanced practice nurse.
- Three professional references.
- Federal criminal background check within the past 12 months.
- Two years of full-time equivalent clinical practice as a RN in the past five years.
- Signed Essential Abilities Policy form.
- Verification of computer skills.
- A urine drug screen.
- Evidence of required immunizations.

International Applicants:

- Must apply through the IU South Bend Office of International Student Services.
- Successfully complete CGFNS Exam prior to applying for Indiana RN licensure.

ESL Applicants:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score must meet the requirements of the IU South Bend Office of Graduate Admissions.

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.
Welcomes you to apply for admission into the MSN Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program.

Recognized as expert health care providers, FNPs focus on the whole person, providing primary care services within a variety of settings.

Are you Ready to become a Family Nurse Practitioner?

Graduates of the IU South Bend MSN-FNP Program:

- Develop expertise in research, communication, clinical practice, leadership, and management skills.
- Learn to deliver primary care from a solid evidence-based platform.
- Promote the health of people within the community.
- Diagnose and manage acute and chronic illnesses.
- Practice in an ever-changing environment with a high degree of autonomy and confidence.
- Are eligible to take the ANCC or AANP national certification examination.
- Are employed as an FNP upon graduation. This is consistent with a U.S. Department of Labor report that predicts a 34% increase in the need for FNPs by 2022.

"I am grateful to all of my IU South Bend mentors who afforded me the opportunity for varied clinical experiences, interactive classroom discussions, and in-depth dialogue about professional experiences with seasoned NPs and professors. These interactions created a solid framework for the provision of advanced nursing care in today's highly diverse and complex family practice setting."

**Deidre Coffey, MSN, RN, FNP-C**

**Bremen Family Medicine**

**Schedule of MSN Classes**

**1st Semester (Fall)** (6 credit hours)
- NURS-N504 Leadership for Advanced Nursing Practice (3 cr hrs)
- Nurs-Y515 Advanced Pathophysiology (3 cr hrs)

**2nd Semester (Spring)** (6 credit hours)
- NURS-N502 Nursing Theory (3 CH)
- NURS-Y612 Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan (3 cr hrs)

**3rd Semester (Summer)** (6 credit hours)
- NURS-F570 Advanced Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (3 cr hrs)
- NURS-Y535 Dynamics of Family Health Care (3 cr hrs)

**4th Semester (Fall)** (6 credit hours + 75 clinical contact hours)
- NURS-R500 Nursing Research Methods (3 cr hrs)

**5th Semester (Spring)** (6 credit hours + 75 clinical contact hours)
- NURS-F572 Primary Health Care of Children (3 cr hrs)
- NURS-Y620 Advanced Primary Care and Office Management Procedures (3 cr hrs)

**6th Semester (Summer)** (6 credit hours + 75 clinical contract hours)
- NURS-F576 Primary Health Care of Women (3 cr hrs)
- NURS-R590 Scholarly Project (3 cr hrs)

**7th Semester (Fall)** (6 credit hours + 375 clinical contact hours)
- NURS-F578 Primary Health Care of Families (6 cr hrs)

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:**
42 credit hours + 600 clinical contact hours

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why an IU South Bend degree?**
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.

**How do I apply?**
Contact an advisor at 574-520-4571 or go to graduate website at: www.iusb.edu/nursing/

**Is there financial aid available?**
Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 574-520-4357 or www.iusb.edu/finaid/

**How are classes scheduled?**
Lectures typically meet one day a week, either Wednesday or Thursday.

Clinical rotations begin in the second Fall Semester. "Specialty" clinicals (adults, pediatrics, and women's health) require 75 hours of patient contact. The final clinical semester requires 375 patient contact hours.

Students must plan ahead as faculty are unable to grant any accommodation for work requirements.

**Do I need to find my own clinical preceptor?**
Yes. You will need to find your own clinical preceptor, but there are many in the community. Your clinical faculty also can help you if needed.