



INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

COLLEGE OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

NURSING

B.S. IN NURSING (TRADITIONAL OPTION)

Baccalaureate nursing education provides a broad foundation in the sciences and liberal arts necessary for preparing professional nurses who are capable of practicing in a competent and responsible fashion as informed citizens in a dynamic and diverse society.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program are expected to demonstrate competencies consistent with being a critical thinker; a culturally aware person; a knowledgeable coordinator of community resources; a politically aware professional; a beginning practitioner whose actions are consistent with professional, legal and ethical standards; an effective communicator; a competent provider of healthcare; a person who exemplifies a positive professional image; and a responsible manager.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The B.S. in nursing degree requires a total of 124 credit hours. Acceptance into the nursing program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and a minimum pre-nursing GPA of 2.7.

COURSEWORK

General Education Courses

- Human Biology or a comparable science
- Anatomy and Physiology (I and II)
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- English Composition
- Introductory Psychology
- Principles of Sociology
- An additional three credit hours to be determined by nursing advisor and student.

In addition to the listed courses, an additional 32 credit hours of general education courses are required. Students should meet with a nursing advisor in order to develop a plan of study that fulfills the requirements. Anatomy and Physiology I and II, along with Chemistry, must be completed within seven years of program admission.

Nursing Major Courses

- Communication for Health Care Professionals
- Introduction to the Discipline of Nursing
- Comprehensive Health Assessment
- Developmental Issues and Health
- Science and Technology of Nursing
- Health and Wellness
- Alterations in Neuro-Psychological Health
- Alterations in Health I and II
- Nursing Research
- Developing Family and Child
- Restorative Health
- Health of the Community
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Nursing Management
- Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone
- Professional Growth & Empowerment

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The School of Nursing has fully qualified faculty, many of whom are certified in their specialty area.

The National Licensure pass rates for graduates of the IU Northwest School of Nursing are among the highest in the state of Indiana.

The School of Nursing is housed in the College of Health and Human Services, which allows students to collaborate with students in other healthcare professions. An example of such collaboration is the Inter-Professional Education project, which allows nursing students to work with medical and social work students on a combined, patient-focused project.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.S. IN NURSING?

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) projects a shortage of one million registered nurses by 2020. This escalating shortage signals a promising career in nursing.

Upon completion of the nursing program and passing of the national registered nurse licensure exam, graduates will have opportunities to practice in a variety of settings or pursue an advanced degree.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

The School of Nursing has a state-of-the-art learning laboratory, which has both mid- and high-level technology simulation equipment for practice of skills prior to actual clinical experiences.

In addition, students have supervised clinical experiences throughout Lake and Porter County as well as in the Chicago area during the program of study.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate nursing students are eligible for membership in the National Student Nurses Association, Indiana Association of Nursing Students, and the IU Northwest local chapter. The chief purpose of the organization is to aid in the preparation of students for the assumption of the professional nursing role.

RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS

RN to BSN (12-month completion program for nurses with two-year degrees)

BA/BS to BSN (for graduates of a bachelor's degree program in a non-nursing field)

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