



INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

COLLEGE OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

B.S. IN NURSING (RN TO BSN OPTION)

The RN-to-BSN Option is designed for registered nurses (RNs) whose highest academic credential is an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree or a nursing diploma. Students must provide evidence of current RN licensure in any state where the student is practicing for the purpose of completing clinical course requirements.

Because the RN-to-BSN option is flexible, students can enter the program in the fall, spring or summer, and take distance-accessible courses. It is perfect for those who want to continue their nursing education while maintaining their current work and/or family responsibilities.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The RN-to-BSN option requires a total of 123 credit hours. Acceptance into the nursing program requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Students in the RN-to-BSN Degree Completion Program will complete approximately 63 additional credits (beyond the ASN degree).

COURSEWORK

Required:

- Communication for Health Care Professionals
- Data Analysis in Clinical Practice and Health Care Research
- Nursing Research
- Professional Nursing Seminar 1: Health Policy
- Professional Nursing Seminar 2: Informatics
- Nursing Management: RN BSN
- A Multisystem Approach to the Health of the Community: RN BSN
- Applied Healthcare Ethics
- Clinical Nursing Practice Capstone: RN BSN

Electives (choose 3):

- The Art and Science of Complementary Health
- Genetics and Genomics
- Comprehensive Health Assessment: RN BSN
- New Innovations in Health and Health Care
- Gerontological Nursing
- Pharmacology
- Documentation of Prior Learning via Specialty Certification

Nursing courses are distance-accessible using Web-based and video technologies. Flexible paths of study allow students to complete nursing courses in 12 months of full-time study or 18 to 24 months of part-time study upon completion of the general education coursework. The curriculum is designed with the adult learner in mind and is focused on the needs of working nurses and their employers.

Each semester is split into two learning modules, which are completed in seven or eight weeks, enabling students to finish up to four courses every semester.

Students should consult with the department and their advisor for additional information concerning prerequisites, course content and academic counseling.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

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.

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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 in 2020. This escalating shortage signals a promising career in nursing. Graduates will have opportunities to practice in a variety of settings or pursue an advanced degree.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Practicums or clinical experiences are embedded in didactic or lecture-based courses and can be tailored to your experience and career goals.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate nursing students are eligible for membership in the National Student Nurses' Association, the 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

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

B.S. in Nursing (traditional option)

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