NURSING | COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 global society. Graduates of the baccalaureate nursing program are expected to embody the professional identity of the nurse and to demonstrate competencies consistent with being a critical thinker; a culturally sensitive individual; a knowledgeable care coordinator who embraces and uses technology effectively; an effective communicator; an accountable leader and manager who understands the regulatory environments that affect professional nursing; and a competent care provider who is prepared to practice to the full capacity of the professional nurse role in diverse care environments.

Baccalaureate graduates partner with individuals, families, communities, and populations in attaining mutually established health goals and in facilitating their highest level of functioning and the maximization of their health potential. Baccalaureate nursing education must prepare graduates to be in the forefront of patient care quality and safety and to design and develop more efficient approaches to the delivery of health care services as full partners on the healthcare team.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The B.S. in Nursing requires a total of 120 credit hours. Acceptance into the program requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher and a minimum pre-nursing grade point average of 2.7.

COURSEWORK

General Education Courses
• Human Biology
• Anatomy and Physiology (I and II)
• Chemistry
• Microbiology
• Mathematics
• English Composition
• Professional Writing skills
• Public Speaking

• Cultural and Historical Studies
• Introductory Psychology
• Principles of Sociology
• Biomedical Ethics
• Literature

Nursing Major Courses
• Learning Strategies for Nursing
• Professional Nursing and Healthcare
• Introductory Clinical Practicum
• Developmental Issues in Health
• Promoting Healthy Populations
• Science and Technology of Nursing
• Pathophysiology/Pharmacology for Nursing
• Concepts in Mental Health Nursing
• Health Concepts Across the Life Span I, II, and II
• Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice
• Topics in Contemporary Nursing
• Childbearing Families
• Nursing Practice Capstone
• Nursing Management
• Health of the Community
• Professional Growth and Empowerment
• 850 hours of clinical experience

Students should consult a nursing advisor in order to develop a plan of study that fulfills the requirements. Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Microbiology, Chemistry and Statistics must be completed within seven years of program admission.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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

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 option for Registered Nurses with an ASN degree or nursing diploma)
• BA/BS to BSN (for graduates of a bachelor’s degree program in a non-nursing field)

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