SCHOOL OF NURSING
MASTER’S DEGREE - FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants must apply to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and meet the following admission requirements for the Department of Advanced Practice Nursing by applying to the program through NursingCAS:

1. Earned bachelor’s degree in nursing from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program of nursing at time of application. Students in an RN to BS nursing program may apply in their final semester of studies
2. The equivalent of one year full-time RN experience (minimum of 1500 verifiable hours) at time of application. This experience must have been completed within the last five years.
3. GPA 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale in undergraduate studies
4. Current, unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state of practice
5. Resume or CV
6. Two professional and one academic reference
7. Personal statement of professional goals that describes the student’s leadership and community service as a Registered Nurse and the ability to meet program competencies: (https://www.indstate.edu/health/msn-program-competencies)
8. English as second language students must achieve the following TOEFL scores or greater: TOEFL – 550 (PBT), 79-80 (IBT), or 213 (CBT). The Department of Advanced Practice Nursing does not accept alternate English proficiency tests.
9. Meet all health clearances and criminal background checks, as required by ISU and your state of practice

*Applicants may be denied entry based on their criminal background results.

*Applicants to the nursing programs are considered on a competitive basis. Criteria include intellectual capacity, performance, maturity, clarity of goals, and other qualities appropriate for graduate study. An individual or group interview may be required. Additional materials may be requested for examination prior to admission. Application evaluation

*Please see the Family Nurse Practitioner Application Checklist for a full listing of required application documents.

*Indiana State University distance education programs may not be available in all states. Click here to see additional details.