

Admission, Progression, Retention, Dismissal, and Graduation Policy

Nursing Major – Traditional Baccalaureate Track for Students Entering Without R.N. or L.P.N. Licensure

Pre-nursing Requirements

Students who are admitted to the University with unconditional standing may begin the program of study in nursing as pre-nursing majors (nursing non-designated).

Admission Criteria

Students will be considered for admission to the major in the second year, second semester nursing course(s) (NURS 207, 209 and 218) after meeting the following criteria:

1. Submit a complete application portfolio for admission into the nursing program by the deadline. (See checklist attached to application.)
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale following completion of required pre-nursing courses in the program of study.
Please note the actual cumulative grade point average for students admitted to the program may be significantly higher than 2.5.
3. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for completion of required science courses: Biology 231/231L and 241/241L or Athletic Training 210/210L and Physical Education 220/220L; Biology 274/274L; Chemistry 100/100L or higher level chemistry course.
4. An approved national level criminal background check performed within 3 months of the application deadline.
5. Submit a negative 10-panel drug screen. (This requirement takes effect as of the Spring 2013 admission cycle)
6. A grade of C or above in NURS 104.
7. NURS 104 may be repeated only one time. Failure of the course for a second time will result in ineligibility for admission to the major.
8. A grade of C or above in the following cognate courses: English 101 and 105, or 107; Psychology 101; Biology 231/231L and 241/241L or Athletic Training 210/210L and Physical Education 220/220L; Biology 274/274L; Chemistry 100/100L or higher level chemistry course; approved Foundational Studies Mathematics or QL course; Communication 101; Applied Health Science 201 (previously Family and Consumer Science 201); Educational Psychology 302, Applied Health Science 201 (previously Health 340), or any college level statistics course; and Sociology 101.
9. A failed cognate course in the baccalaureate nursing curriculum, whether taken at ISU or at another institution, may be repeated only one time. Failure of any single cognate course (each failed cognate science course and its laboratory count as one course) for a second time will result in ineligibility for admission to the major.

10. Failure of any three single courses designated as cognates in the baccalaureate nursing curriculum will result in ineligibility for admission to the major. Failure of a science lecture and/or corresponding laboratory count as one course failure.
11. Meet or exceed the minimum required benchmarks on the pre-admission examination.
 - Students must achieve a level of proficient, advanced, or exemplary in the ATI Academic Preparedness Category. Students placing at the developmental or basic level will not be considered for admission to the nursing program.
 - The Adjusted Individual Scores (total and individual subscale scores for reading, English, mathematics and science) will be used in the selection process.
12. A student who receives an acceptance letter for admission to the major but opts not to enroll for that admission cycle must reapply and may need to retake the pre-admission examination if the minimum required scores have been raised.
13. Applicants with a baccalaureate degree will have their transcripts reviewed on an individual basis.
14. Admission may be competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria for the application cycle does not guarantee admission.

Transfer Students

A student transferring to an Indiana State University nursing program has the same consideration for admission to the baccalaureate nursing major as any matriculating ISU nursing student providing that the minimum admission requirements for the major have been met either at Indiana State University, or through transfer or equivalent courses from another accredited collegiate institution.

Transfer applicants who have completed a portion of the nursing curriculum at another accredited institution will be held to the same progression, retention, dismissal, and graduation requirements as matriculating students.

Progression, Retention, and Dismissal Policies

1. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 throughout their enrollment in the Baccalaureate Nursing Program.
2. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C, as well as satisfactory performance for the clinical component of each nursing course.
3. A failed nursing course may be repeated only one time. Failure of any nursing course for a second time will result in dismissal from the program.
4. Any student repeating a clinical nursing course must repeat both the theoretical and clinical components of the course.
5. Failure of any two nursing courses, excluding NURS 104, within the baccalaureate curriculum will result in dismissal from the program.
6. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C in the following cognate courses: English 305; Educational Psychology 221 or Psychology 266.
7. A failed cognate course in the baccalaureate nursing curriculum (pre-nursing through senior year) may be repeated only one time. Failure of any cognate for a second time will result in dismissal from the program.

8. Failure of any three courses designated as a cognate in the baccalaureate nursing curriculum (pre-nursing through senior year) will result in dismissal from the program. Each failed cognate science course and its laboratory count as one course.
9. Any student who has been dismissed from the nursing program will not be considered for readmission for a period of five (5) years.
10. Students must complete competency testing throughout the program of study based on course requirements.
11. Students must maintain compliance with all pre-clinical requirements (i.e., current CPR Certification, specified immunizations and annual Tb testing results, completion of annual bloodborne pathogen module, report of any criminal charges incurred since submission of the original criminal background check) throughout the program.
 - Submit updated documentation *prior to the start of the semester* in which enrolled in any nursing course
 - Requirements *must be current for the entire semester* in which enrolled. Requirements that expire during the course of the semester will not be accepted.
 - Failure to meet the criteria will result in being prohibited from participating in the clinical component of the course.
12. Enrollments in clinical nursing courses will be determined by the following priorities:
 - Continuing students – students who enroll in at least one clinical nursing course each semester.
 - Advanced placement students – students who have earned advanced placement in the sequence of nursing courses and who will be enrolling in their first clinical nursing course.
 - Non-continuing students – students in good standing who have dropped out of the sequence of clinical nursing courses for at least one semester.
 - Non-progressing students – students who must repeat a clinical nursing course.

Graduation Requirements

The Board of Trustees of Indiana State University grants the degree of Bachelor of Science to those candidates who are recommended for the degree by the faculty after fulfilling all University requirements for graduation, and having achieved the following:

1. Maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or above.
2. Passed each nursing course and cognate course with a minimum grade of C.

The graduate is eligible to apply for the examination for licensure to practice as a registered nurse, National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN).

Request for Reinstatement

A student, who has been dismissed from the nursing program for academic failure, or any other reason, may request a review for reinstatement. The written request for reinstatement should be addressed to the Executive Director of Nursing. If the dismissal is for academic performance, a Plan of Improvement must be included with the request. Reinstatement will be based on the decision by the Nursing Executive Council.

Reinstatement is not guaranteed, and no student may be reinstated more than once. A reinstated student will be dismissed upon failure of any additional required course in the program of study. Students who are reinstated must adhere to the policies, guidelines, curriculum of the nursing program, and the recommendations of the Nursing Executive Council at the time of reinstatement. The date of a reinstatement will be determined by the department chairperson based on space availability.

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