Applicants must apply to the Department of Advanced Practice Nursing through NursingCAS. Applicants must also apply to the Indiana State University's College of Graduate & Professional Studies once the NursingCAS application is complete.

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. Extensive RN Experience is preferred but not required
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. Three professional/academic recommendations (preferred at least one academic)
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: [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 check, as required by ISU and your state of practice*
10. Telephone, video, or an in-person interview may be required as part of the admission process

*Admission offers may be rescinded based on the criminal background results.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 “How to Apply” for more details.

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