Indiana State University
School of Nursing
Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification Requirements

Students are required to have current CPR certification to be eligible for clinical experiences in the nursing program. Clinical facility policies supersede this policy.

On-line CPR certification courses that do not include a hands-on skill component and skill testing will not meet the requirement.

It is the student's responsibility to locate an appropriate source for certification.

Traditional 4-Year

When applying for admission, the student must include in the application portfolio a copy of a CPR card (or certificate) verifying current certification at the required level.

The approved CPR courses are:

> • American Heart Association (AHA) – Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Professionals (BLS for Providers) (2-year certification)

Accelerated Second Degree Track

When applying for admission, the student must include in the application portfolio a copy of a CPR card (or certificate) verifying current certification at the required level.

The approved CPR courses are:

> • American Heart Association (AHA) – Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Professionals (BLS for Providers) (2-year certification)

LPN to BSN Track

Once admitted, the student must submit a copy of a current CPR card (or certificate) verifying completion of initial certification or recertification that will not expire during the course of the semester for which the student is admitted.

The approved CPR courses are:
> • American Heart Association (AHA) – Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Professionals (BLS for Providers) (2-year certification)

Verification of Recertification While Progressing through the Program

Verification of recertification while progressing through the program must be uploaded to the approved compliance tracking system.

- Certification must be current for the entire semester for all active students. Certifications

expiring prior to the last day of the semester must be updated by the following:
- o August 1 for fall semester
- o December 1 for the spring semester
- o May 1 for the summer semester
- Students who do not have approved certification by stated deadlines may be administratively dropped from nursing courses.

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