

Indiana State University  
School of Nursing  
Undergraduate LPN to BSN Track

Admission, Progression, Retention, Dismissal and Graduation Policy  
Nursing Major-Students Entering with LPN/LVN Licensure

Admission Criteria

1. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale of all prerequisites to the major is required for admission to the program.
2. Current, unencumbered LPN/LVN license in an approved state along with submission of a complete admission portfolio by the deadline.
3. Evidence of an approved national level criminal background check that has been performed within seven (7) months of the application deadline.
4. A minimum science grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for 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; Psychology 101.
5. A grade of C or above earned in the following support courses: 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.
6. Complete the pre-admission examination and meet or exceed any required benchmarks.
7. Failure of any two (2) nursing courses whether taken at ISU or at another RN program will result in ineligibility for admission to the major for a minimum of five (5) years.
8. Failure of any single support course in the nursing curriculum, whether taken at ISU or at another institution, for a second time will result in ineligibility for admission to the major for a minimum of five (5) years.
9. Failure of any three (3) different support courses in the nursing curriculum, whether taken at ISU or at another institution, will result in ineligibility for admission to the major for a minimum of five (5) years.
10. Failure of a science course and its laboratory in the same semester counts as one course failure. Failure of a science course in one semester and the lab in a different semester, whether taken at ISU or at another institution, counts as failure of the course for a second time and results in ineligibility for admission the major for five (5) years.
11. Any applicant who receives an offer of admission to the major but opts not to enroll for that admission cycle must reapply and meet any current criteria.
12. Admission is competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria for the application cycle does not guarantee admission.

## Progression, Retention and Dismissal

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.
  - a. The theory component in a course must be completed with at least a C.
  - b. The major clinical assignments must be completed with at least a C.
3. To receive a satisfactory clinical grade, all clinical requirements must be completed; these include, but are not limited to the following:
  - a. All clinical reports, journals, concept maps and written evaluations from the student.
  - b. All clinical evaluation tools including student evaluation of clinical performance and completion of clinical objectives as documented by the preceptor at midterm and end of the semester or as deemed necessary by the course faculty.
4. An accrual of two unsatisfactory clinicals **at any time** before or after the University drop date will be recorded as a failed nursing course with the University.
5. Not following clinical rules and guidelines may result in a clinical failure and/or dismissal from the program.
6. 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.
7. Failure of any two (2) nursing courses within the baccalaureate curriculum will result in dismissal from the program.
8. Any student repeating a clinical nursing course must repeat both the theoretical and clinical components of the course.
9. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C in the following Foundational Studies (formerly known as General education) and/or required support courses: English composition or communications course; Educational Psychology 221 or Psychology 266; Applied Health Sciences 240, 340, MATH 241 or any college-level statistics course; and Biology 412.
10. A failed required support course may be repeated only one time. Failure of any required support course for a second time will result in dismissal from the program.
11. Failure of any three (3) courses designated as required support courses in the baccalaureate nursing curriculum will result in dismissal from the program. Each failed science course and its laboratory count as one course.
12. Students must complete competency testing throughout the program of study based on course requirements.
13. Loss of access to third party vendor educational, instructional, or testing materials based on an academic integrity violation resulting in the inability to access materials by the vendor may result in the inability to continue progression and consequently result in dismissal from the program.
14. Any student who has been dismissed from the nursing program will not be considered for readmission for a period of five (5) years. If readmitted, the student will start the course of studies over from the beginning.
15. Any student who has been dismissed from the University may be considered for readmission only in accordance with the University Readmission policy.

16. Students may be required to repeat select courses if progression in the major stops for 2 years or more. The student is required to reapply and, if admitted, the student may be required to start the course of studies over from the beginning and demonstrate competency.
17. Compliance items such as all health requirements, CPR, TB, Bloodborne pathogens, professional liability insurance and licensure **must be kept current throughout the entire semester when in the nursing program.**
18. **If the student is not enrolled in a nursing course with a required clinical, the student is still required to be up to date in all compliance areas for the duration of the entire program of study.**

Students must maintain compliance with all pre-clinical requirements (i.e., current CPR certification, receipt of specified immunizations and annual Tb test, annual completion of blood borne pathogen training, reporting of any criminal charges incurred since submission of the original criminal background check) throughout the program.

- Students must be in compliance for the fall semester by August 1. Compliance items that expire at any time during the fall semester must be updated, and documentation must be submitted, before August 1.
  - Students must be in compliance for the spring semester by December 1. Compliance items that expire at any time during the spring semester must be updated, and documentation must be submitted, before December 1.
  - If approval is given to enroll in a summer nursing course, compliance items that expire at any time during the summer semester must be updated, and documentation must be submitted, before May 1.
  - Failure to meet the criteria will result in prohibition from participation in the clinical component of the course, and will result in clinical unsatisfactory and potentially course failure.
  - Students who are not in compliance by the deadline may be administratively dropped from all nursing courses even if classes are not in session.
19. You must have an unencumbered license in the state in which clinical courses will be completed. Any encumbrance must be immediately reported in writing to the program.
  20. Enrollments in clinical nursing courses will be determined by the following:
    - a. Continuous progression in clinical courses is based on available clinical placement and successful completion of required prerequisites.

### Graduation Requirements

The Board of Trustees of Indiana State University grants the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing 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. Maintenance of a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or above, and
2. Passage of each nursing course and support 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 Associate Director of Students. If the dismissal is for academic performance, a Plan of Improvement must be included with the request. Reinstatement will be based on the decision of the Student Affairs Committee.

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 Student Affairs Committee at the time of reinstatement. The date of a reinstatement will be determined by the Associate Director of Academics in consultation with the Program Coordinator based on space availability.

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