

Indiana State University  
School of Nursing  
Master's / Post Master's  
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the program accredited? A: Yes, the ISU School of Nursing Master's program is [accredited](#) by ACEN (formally NLNAC) since 1989.

Q: Do all states approve distance learning programs? A: No, Due to the Distance Education Act of 2012 there are some states from which ISU is unable to accept distance/on-line students. Each of the states has its own approval processes for out-of-state institutions offering distance education. While Indiana State University endeavors to offer all of its programs to as wide an audience as possible, all Indiana State University distance education programs may not be available in all states. [See Map](#) that shows the current states that are not eligible to participate in the nursing programs.

Q: How do I apply? "[How to Apply](#)"

A: Complete the [application to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies](#) (fee charged)  
Make sure all required supplemental materials are uploaded to the application prior to the application deadline.

Q: Is the program totally online? A: Yes, all course work is completed online and on a semester-based schedule.

Q: Are there any requirements to visit campus? A: At this time, there are no visits to campus required.

Q: How long does it take to complete the program?

A: MSN – 2 ½ to 3 years; Post MSN FNP 4 semesters

Q: What does the curriculum look like? [Curriculum \(Advising Worksheet\) is listed under each program.](#)

Q: How will I know which courses to take? A: A plan of study is prepared for you upon admission. All changes must be approved prior to the change as courses may not be offered every semester and a change could significantly affect your completion date. A signed plan of study must be on file for students to register for courses.

Q: May I register for another course as soon as I finish one? A: No, courses are taught on a semester basis and follow a curriculum sequence.

Q: What is the timeframe for offering courses? A: Semesters begin in January (Spring), May (Summer), and August (Fall).

Q: Do I work at my own pace in the courses? A: The program is structured on a semester basis with assignments due on specific dates. You may work at your own pace within that assignment period. Each course is delivered in an asynchronous format allowing for anytime delivery of information. Some courses may require a teleconference, collaborate session, or other synchronized meeting. The dates for synchronized meetings are known in advance.

Q: How do online courses work? A: Online courses are delivered via Canvas. The system is structured for coursework including an announcement page, access to syllabi, modules, web links such as the ISU Library, discussion boards, and quizzes. Distance education information at ISU can also be found at [ISU Online](#)

If you still have questions, please contact us at 888.293.4842 option 3 or [email us](#).