



**SCHOOL OF NURSING
POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE - FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER or NURSING EDUCATION
ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Applicants must apply to Indiana State University's [College of Graduate & Professional Studies](#) and upload all the required documents detailed at [How to Apply](#) prior to the application deadline to be considered for admission.

1. A master's degree with a major in nursing from a nationally accredited program of nursing is required.
2. Applicants must earn a minimum grade of "B" in a three credit hour graduate-level advanced pathophysiology course completed **within five years of application** at an approved accredited institution. Applicants that have not met this requirement may still apply and must take BIO 633 at Indiana State if granted conditional admission.
3. Applicants must earn a minimum grade of "B" in a three credit hour graduate-level pharmacology course completed **within five years of application** at an approved accredited institution. Please note that some states require the course be completed within three years of certification testing. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify their state's requirement and retake the course if necessary. Applicants that have not met this requirement may still apply and must take APN 645 at Indiana State if granted conditional admission.
4. Applicants must earn a minimum grade of "B" in a graduate-level advanced assessment nursing course completed **within five years of application** at an approved accredited institution. A syllabus must be submitted for review. Applicants that have not met this requirement may still apply and must take APN 622 (Education certificate) or APN 624 (FNP certificate) at Indiana State if granted conditional admission.
5. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale in graduate studies.
6. English as second language students must achieve the following TOEFL scores or greater: TOEFL – 550 (PBT), 79-80 (IBT), or 213 (CBT). The School of Nursing Graduate program does not accept alternate English proficiency tests.
7. A telephone, video, or an in-person interview may be required as part of the admission process.
8. Additional materials may be requested for examination prior to admission.
9. Nursing program applicants are considered on a competitive basis. More information on evaluation may be found at [Application Evaluation](#).
10. Indiana State University distance programs are not available in all states. The states in which the Post MS Certificate is available are [shown in blue on our U.S. map](#).