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NURSING

Bachelor of Science (BSN) Degree
(IU School of Nursing – IUB / IUPUI Programs)

IMPORTANT:

- 1) **This document pertains to the IUB and IUPUI nursing programs** (course numbers are for IUB).
- 2) **Application courses:** 29-31 cluster credits are required on the application. In the chart, the "Yes" courses must go on the application. You will choose the rest of the 29-31 credits from whichever of the "No" clusters / courses appeal to you the most. (You must complete all of the clusters eventually, but not all are completed during freshman year.)
- 3) On the Nursing application, **you may include up to 2 courses of Advanced Placement (AP) credit, plus 1 other course of IU placement credit** ("special credit") (e.g., from IUB foreign language placement exam, IUB biology placement exam, etc.).
- 4) See the IU Bloomington School of Nursing's Prenursing Handbook, www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse/, for *additional admission requirements* and important policy information. (HPPLC materials are supplemental, not a substitute for Prenursing Handbook.)
- 5) *IUB and IUPUI Nursing have very competitive admission.* Refer to the Nursing page on the HPPLC web site and consult with your advisor regarding strategies or a parallel plan (Plan B) in case you are not admitted the first time you apply.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND ADMISSION COURSE REQUIREMENTS ¹				
Critical Analytical Science Cluster (CAS)				
Course	Credits	Application Requirement?	Grade/Term	
Basic Human Anatomy ² (ANAT-A 215)	5	Yes		
Finite Math (MATH-A 118 or M118 or D116 / 117)	3 - 4	Yes		
Chemistry or additional CAS course ^{3,6} (<i>See Note 3 on next page!</i>)	3 – 5	Yes ³		
Basic Human Physiology (PHSL-P 215)	5	No		
Microorganisms in Nature and Disease ("Microbiology") (BIOL-M 200 and M215 - offered spring only at IUB)	3, 1	No		
Communication Cluster				
English Composition ⁵ (ENG-W 131 or W170)	3	Yes		
Additional Communication Cluster Course ⁶ (_____)	3 - 4	No		
Social Competence Cluster				
Psychology ⁷ (PSY-P 101 or P102)	3	Yes		
Sociology ⁷ (SOC-S 100 or S101)	3	Yes		
Additional Social Competence Course ^{6,7} (_____)	3	No		
Cultural Diversity Cluster				
Additional Cultural Diversity Course ^{5,6} (_____)	2 - 3	No		
Additional Cultural Diversity Course ^{5,6} (_____)	2 - 3	No		
Humanistic Appreciation Cluster				
Additional Humanistic Appreciation Course ⁶ (_____)	3	No		
Minimum Total General Education Cluster Hours	50 ⁸			
Total Cluster Hours Required On Application	29 - 31			

**Carefully Read
Important Notes
on Other Side.**

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NOTES:

- 1) Minimum grade of "C" required for all courses. Much higher grades are needed to be competitive for admission.
- 2) If you are unable to get into ANAT-A215 prior to applying (*and provided you can show a good-faith effort was made to waitlist A215 each semester*), PHSL-P215 or BIOL-M200 / M215 may substitute on the application. This exception is only for students taking nursing prereqs on the IUB campus.
- 3) Required for admission: completion of two semesters or two trimesters of high school chem with a C or better *each term* (proof required at time of application); **OR** one semester of college chem with C or better (CHEM-C100, C101, or higher are acceptable - lab *not* required). If high school chem was completed, you must take another CAS cluster course (other than those required) to meet the required minimum of 20 CAS general education credits.

NOTE regarding chemistry and CAS courses on the application: In addition to ANAT and finite math, another CAS must be included on the application. Choose from: a college chem course (or another CAS from the cluster list if you completed high school chem), PHSL, or microbiology. (If you must substitute micro or PHSL for ANAT on the application (see Note #2), you must still put one of these other CAS courses on the application—you must have a total of 10 - 11 credits of CAS on the application. Remember that neither BIOL-M 200/215 nor PHSL-P 215 is required on the application.)

- 4) The two semester literature-composition options (e.g., ENG-L 141) are *not recommended* for prenursing students.
- 5) A minimum of 5 credits of Cultural Diversity is required for the Nursing General Education program. Students could take two 3 cr courses, or take one 2 cr and one 3 cr course. In the latter case, prior to graduation, students with 5 credits of Cultural Diversity need to make up 1 cr with any elective.
- 6) There are 19-20 credit hours of **required** cluster courses that must go on the application. An additional 10-11 credits (for a total of 29-31) are also required on the application. For these additional credits, you will include other cluster courses, which could include up to two courses of placement or AP credit. (Whichever additional cluster courses will benefit you the most should go on the application.)
- 7) If PSY-P 101 (or P155) is used to fulfill the psychology requirement, then P102 could be used to fulfill the additional Social Competency course, or vice versa. Note: PSY-P 155 may fulfill either the psych requirement or the additional Social Comp course requirement, though P101 or 102 is recommended. PSY-P 106 (honors psych) may be used to fulfill the psych requirement, but would *not* fulfill the additional Social Comp course. If SOC-S 100 is used to fulfill the Sociology requirement, then SOC-S 101 could be used to fulfill the additional Social Comp course, or vice versa.
- 8) The Nursing General Education program requires 6 general elective credits (any courses student wishes) to reach the number of credits required to graduate. In most cases, there is not time for prenursing students to take general electives freshman year.

Other Admission Components

Aside from excellent grades, admission components include (as of 9/2010) community service (interacting directly with the people you are serving), career research, application essay, an admissions interview (for qualified applicants). *Shadowing nurses in a variety of settings is strongly recommended.* Refer to the *Prenursing Handbook* for details (web address below).

Email List Information

Even if you are exploratory nursing, **you should immediately sign up for the prenursing email list.** Email Debbie Hrisomalos (dhrisoma@indiana.edu), Assistant Director of Student Services-IUB School of Nursing, and ask to be added.

Program Contact Information and Other Resources

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IUB Prenursing Handbook
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HPPLC Home Page
www.hpplc.indiana.edu

American Nurses Association
www.nursingworld.org/

International Council of Nurses
www.icn.ch/

List of Indiana Nursing Programs
www.nursing2000inc.org/

Combined, the lists at the links below include most **accredited U.S. nursing programs.** (Be sure any alternative programs you look into are *accredited* with one of these commissions.)

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
www.aacn.nche.edu/CCNE/reports/accprog.asp

Nat'l League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)
www.nlnac.org/forms/directory_search.htm

IMPORTANT:

This document was prepared for Indiana University Bloomington students by the Health Professions and Prelaw Center. Please note that specific requirements and policies can change at any time without notice. Students are responsible for obtaining the most current information directly from the application services, and the schools and programs in which they have an interest.

Refer to the IUB School of Nursing web site and *Prenursing Handbook*, www.indiana.edu/~iubnurse/
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