Objective:
To admit to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program individuals having qualifications faculty believes are consistent with academic and professional success.

Preamble:
The faculty of Indiana University School of Nursing believes that a Bachelor of Science in Nursing requires a broad knowledge base and academic competencies. The competencies that have been identified by the faculty include critical thinking abilities, science and math competence, effective communication skills, cultural competence, social awareness, and a set of ethics consistent with professional and academic expectations. Students need to demonstrate academic potential for success prior to admission to the baccalaureate nursing major along with an aptitude to develop the above competencies. Additionally, the student body should reflect a diversity that broadly represents the community served by the University campus where students are enrolled.

Application Requirements for the Pre-licensure Program:
The admission process is competitive, and acceptance depends on the number of applicants and the applicant’s ability to compete academically in the pool of applicants. Students seeking admission to the nursing major must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. The applicant must be admitted to Indiana University as a degree-seeking student and must submit official transcripts from other universities attended so that credits may be transferred.

2. The applicant must have a minimum Indiana University cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application. This does not include transfer or X’d courses.

3. The following application requirements must be met by courses listed on the application to the nursing major on the Core Campus: English Composition, Introductory Psychology, Introductory Sociology, Human Anatomy and Finite Math.

   Additional courses to be entered on the application: These are to be selected from an approved list which may be campus-specific. The total number of credit hours used to meet the application requirements is typically 29-31 credits.

   ▪ At IUPUI/IUPUC:
     o Speech
     o Additionally, one course from each of the following groups is to be entered on the application:
- Life & Physical Sciences
- Cultural Understanding
- Arts & Humanities

- At IUB:
  - 3-5 credit Critical/Analytical/Science or Natural and Mathematical Science course
  - Additionally, three courses from the following groups are to be entered on the application:
    - Social and Historical (maximum of 1 course);
    - World Language/World Culture (maximum of 2 courses) and/or
    - Arts and Humanities (maximum of 2 courses).

4. Of the general education courses specifically required for application no more than three may be repeated to achieve a minimum grade of C (2.0). Over the course of the BSN degree program no more than two of the science/math courses (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology and Finite Math) may be repeated in order to achieve an acceptable grade.

In the case of courses with a laboratory component, the didactic and lab are considered one course. The grade earned on the second attempt will be used for calculation of GPA for admission purposes. This policy relates to IU and transfer courses, and students who are not able to meet the minimum criteria are ineligible for admission consideration.

5. The applicant must achieve a grade of C (2.0) or higher for each course and an application overall GPA of 3.00 in all nursing program requirements. This criterion also applies to any student wishing to transfer required courses from a university other than Indiana University. Applicants may use up to a maximum of 6 credits of Special Departmental (S) or Test (T) credit (e.g. Advanced Placement or departmental examination credit). No more than one Science/Math application requirement may be met with such credits, and no more than one of the remaining General Education requirements may be met with such credits. The Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology requirements must be met with graded college coursework, not by S or T credits.

6. The applicant must complete all required course work by established deadline date. This includes independent studies, correspondence course work and courses for which students have received an incomplete (I). Students wishing to transfer required course work from a university other than Indiana University must be in good academic standing in that university (i.e., must not have been dismissed) and have achieved a grade of C (2.0) or higher in courses for which transfer is being requested.

As part of the application process the applicant must submit a Student Criminal Disclosure form to communicate any issues that would be documented on a national criminal background check.

**Application Categories:**
The total number of credits necessary to meet all 9 application course requirements may vary depending on the source where the courses were completed. Regardless of total number of credits, the source where the majority of these required credits were earned will determine the category for application. Applicants in category A will be considered for admission first, followed by applicants in
category B, and then category C if space is available. Applicants for admission at each campus are placed into one of three categories listed below. The Core Campus refers to the three campuses: Bloomington (IUB), Columbus (IUPUC), and Indianapolis (IUPUI).

**Category A – Core Campus Applicants:** Indiana University students who have taken at least 51% of their application credits at the Indiana University Core Campus.

**Category B – Intercampus Transfers:** Students who have taken at least 51% of their application credits on an Indiana University campus other than the Core Campus, who wish to change campus sites for the completion of the nursing major.

**Category C – Transfer Students:** Students who have taken at least 51% of their application credits outside the Indiana University educational system who now wish to complete their nursing major on a specific Indiana University campus.

**Anatomy and Physiology:**
If a student has taken a set of combined-content Anatomy and Physiology courses at another university, each of the Core Campuses admissions department will determine how they transfer in. Because there may be campus differences, the IUSON will record the exact grades the student received in all components which meet the requirement with the grade awarded by the institution where the student took the course on the nursing application. For example, if the Anatomy requirement is met with a combination of Anatomy and Physiology part 1 and 2 with separate grades for the lectures and labs, there would be four separate entries on the nursing application.

**Consideration for admission is based upon the following:**
1. 50% Science/Math GPA
2. 30% General Education GPA
3. 20% Pre Admission TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)

**Science/Math GPA:**
To make an initial application, the applicant must have completed a minimum of 11 credit hours to meet the following application requirements:
- Anatomy
- Finite Math
- Life & Physical Sciences (or Critical/Analytical Science)

**General Education GPA:**
The remaining courses listed on the application constitute the General Education application requirements. The applicant must designate which courses will be applied to meet the general education requirements where course choice is an option. These courses may come from approved course lists relevant to the campus to which the student is seeking admission.

Grades earned in transfer courses accepted and applied to required general education credit hours will count in the calculation of either the General Education GPA or the Science/Math GPA.

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1 Math and Science requirements are campus specific and based on campus general education requirements and course availability and accessibility.
Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS):
The Test of Essential Academic Skills, published by Assessment Technologies, Inc. is a standardized test of achievement, measuring basic essential skills in the academic content domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. The composite score is used in the calculation of the weighted admission score. A specific version of the exam may be posted as required.

Exam scores will be valid for 2 (two) years from the date of the test.

The student may take this exam no more than TWO times in the past two years. If the exam has been taken a second time, the more recent composite score will be used in consideration for admission. Exam results from more than two attempts in the past two years will not be considered.

Time limitation on specific courses:
Knowledge and competencies developed in courses that fulfill the requirements for anatomy, human physiology, finite math, microbiology, and statistics are considered to be time limited for individuals pursuing an undergraduate degree in nursing. If any of these courses were taken more than seven years prior to the application to the nursing undergraduate degree, the applicant must validate the related knowledge and competencies through testing, portfolio, or repeating the course to be eligible for admission and progression.

If Physiology or Microbiology is already on the applicant’s transcript with a failing grade (C- or below), the applicant is ineligible for application until that requirement has been successfully completed.

The Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology courses must include in-person lab sections.

Entry requirements for applicants offered admission to the BSN program:
Students will be admitted to the baccalaureate nursing degree program for a specific semester and are expected to enter the program that semester. Students must formally accept or decline admission by the deadline indicated in the provisional acceptance letter. Students who do not accept admission by the deadline are considered to have declined and the offer of admission is null.

Students who have received an offer of admission will need to submit documentation of the following requirements prior to beginning in the nursing degree program:
1. Required immunizations
2. Proof of health insurance
3. CPR training
4. National criminal background check: our clinical partners have requirements about who may participate in clinical rotations, therefore applicants with positive criminal background checks will be reviewed to determine eligibility for participation in the program.

If the requirements are not met, the offer of admission will be rescinded.

Applicants who are offered admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program but then fail a required science course (Anatomy, Physiology, or Microbiology) in the interim between an initial offer of admission and program entry will have the offer of admission rescinded.
If admission is denied or declined:
If denied admission, the applicant may reapply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in a subsequent semester if eligibility is maintained. The applicant is not automatically considered; the student must re-submit an application.

Students will be admitted to the baccalaureate nursing degree program for a specific semester and are expected to enter the program that semester. Students not entering that specific semester must reapply for a subsequent semester on a competitive basis. Students will not be considered for further admission if they have declined an admission offer two times.

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