

Indiana University School of Nursing at Indiana University East

Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Is the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for me?

Check us out!

If you answer, “Yes!” to the following questions, then you are on your way to a rewarding career.

- ✓ Would I enjoy working in a variety of settings where I can be instrumental in promoting health and wellness?
- ✓ Would I like to work in a career where I can provide preventive care to families and communities?
- ✓ Would I like to work in a career where I can use my problem solving skills and creativity to provide healthcare in efficient and effective ways?
- ✓ Would I be more comfortable working in semi-structured settings where my management skills can be utilized?
- ✓ Would I thrive on a fast-paced and challenging career where technical advances are constantly changing the way in which I do my job?
- ✓ Would I like a career where there are opportunities for challenge and growth?
- ✓ Would I like an exciting career that prepares me for graduate work and a specialization area in nursing at the graduate level?

Accreditation

- ❖ Indiana State Board of Nursing
Health Professions Bureau
402 W. Washington St., Room W066
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317)-234-2043
- ❖ North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- ❖ National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission
61 Broadway, 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10006
(212-363-5555, extension 153)

Why IU School of Nursing and IU East?

IU School of Nursing:

- ❖ Is regarded by nursing educators as one of the top 25 nursing schools in the nation.
- ❖ Is the largest nursing school in the nation and among the most diverse.
- ❖ Has outstanding leadership and a faculty with interest in teaching, research, and community service.
- ❖ Provides students with the option to transfer from one IU campus to another IU campus.

IU East faculty:

- ❖ Recognize the value of creating diverse learning environments responsive to students.
- ❖ Use innovative teaching strategies to prepare the nursing workforce of the future.
- ❖ Understand and are supportive of a changing healthcare plan.
- ❖ Are excellent clinicians who are current in their nursing practice.
- ❖ Are committed to improving the health of the citizens of Indiana and the nation.
- ❖ Contribute to the body of knowledge that provides the basis for practice in a variety of settings through research and practice.

IU East provides:

- ❖ Small class size where individuals are known by name.
- ❖ Tutorial services and other academic assistance to help people begin where they are and provide the needed skills to be successful in degree completion.
- ❖ Supportive professional staff that have expertise in financial aid, advising, counseling, and other life issues.
- ❖ Student organizations and campus life programs.
- ❖ Child Care Center
- ❖ Center for Health Promotion

Application to Nursing

Most students begin nursing as a pre-nursing student. There are two applications needed to pursue a degree in nursing. First, you must apply to Indiana University East for admission through the Office of Admissions. You can apply for any semester to begin required general education courses that will apply to your degree. You will work with a pre-nursing advisor in the Academic Advising Center for program planning and beginning coursework. Each Spring Semester, applications are available from on the website: www.iue.edu/advising/announce.shtml. You must submit an application by the specified published date (usually March 1, 5:00 p.m.). Applications received after the published deadline will not be considered. You may reapply in a subsequent semester. **Admission to the BSN major is highly competitive. Taking the general education courses does not guarantee you a position in the nursing major courses.** A new group of students begin the BSN program every Fall Semester.

Admission Requirements:

Admissions will be based on a range of considerations including:

- **academic achievement** that will be defined by the Nursing Admissions Grade Point Average (NAGPA) of all completed courses required for the BSN degree at the time of admission review;

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

You must achieve a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale for all courses attempted plus a minimum 2.7 Nursing Admissions GPA (NAGPA). Also, you must successfully complete at least 28 specific credits to be eligible to apply to the program and earn a grade of C (2.0) in each course by the second completed attempt. These credits must include the following courses or their equivalent:

ENG-W 131 English Composition	3 credits	MICR-J 200 Microbiology	3 credits
PSY-P 103 Intro. to Psychology	3 credits	+ J201 Microbiology Lab	1 credit
Critical/Analytical/Science	4-8 credits	OR - PHSL-P261	5 credits
ENG W132 or SPCH S121	3 credits	Humanistic appreciation course	3 credits
SOC-S 100 Intro. to Sociology	3 credits	Cultural diversity course	3 credits

Demonstration of adequate math skills is an application requirement, fulfilled by either placement testing beyond Math M117 or successful completion of M117 with a minimum grade of C (2.0).

Transfer

If you are a transfer student wishing to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing you will be evaluated for your appropriate placement. Transferring more than 50 percent of the general-education courses will be given lower priority for admission to the nursing major than those who have completed their course work at IU East. An application for transfer admission to IU East should be filed along with all supporting credentials. Previous college course work will be evaluated for acceptance of credit. Students must have a completed official credit transfer report (CTR) for all work being transferred from a university other than Indiana University.

BSN Curriculum

The baccalaureate curriculum may be completed in several ways. In general, it requires a minimum of four academic years (including the prerequisites) to complete. Under certain circumstances, it may take more than four years, depending on the length of time it takes to complete the prerequisite courses. Students often choose to take summer classes to complete general education courses and lighten the fall and spring semester course loads. The following schedule does not reflect developmental course work a student may need based on the Office of Admissions testing requirements.

The following required general education courses are divided into six areas of study and are intended to give you a broad knowledge base. Within each cluster there are required courses that must be taken. In addition, there are suggested courses within each cluster that allows you to choose from an array of courses within that area of study. This will allow you to arrange courses to complete a minor or a certificate in another area. Please see inserts for examples. In each cluster, the number of credits required for each cluster is given.

Also, in another insert in this brochure, there is a full-time schedule that shows the sequencing of these general education courses, as well as the nursing courses, within the curriculum. These required general education courses may be taken prior to admission to the baccalaureate program. **Nursing students in the School of Nursing must complete Anatomy & Physiology prior to their Junior year in the BSN and Life Span Development (PSY-P 216) before or during the Spring of their sophomore year of the nursing program; all other general education courses are negotiable after admission to the program.**

General Education Course Clusters

Cluster 1 - Critical/Analytical/Science (Total credits = 23)

<i>Required courses = 15 - 17 credit hours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anatomy and Physiology (PHSL P261 & P262)• Statistics (PSY K300 or MATH K300 or NURS H355)• Microbiology (MICR J200 & J201)	<i>Suggested courses = 6-8 credit hours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logic• Courses in mathematical logic• Courses in inquiry/methods/philosophy of science
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Cluster 2 - Communication (Total credits = 9)

<i>Required courses = 9 credit hours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Composition I (ENG W131)• English Composition II (ENG W132)• Public Speaking (SPCH S121)

Cluster 3 - Cultural Diversity (Total credits = 6)

<i>Required courses = None</i>	<i>Suggested Courses to complete 6 credit hours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courses in history/civilization• Courses in anthropology (cultural)• Courses in religious studies (cultural)• Courses in humanities (cultural)
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Cluster 4 - Social Competence (Total credits = 9)

<i>Required courses = 6 credit hours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Psychology (PSY P103)• Introduction to Sociology (SOC S100)	<i>Suggested Courses = 3 credit hours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courses in political science• Courses in economics• Courses in law/justice• Courses in psychology/sociology• Courses in management of resources
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Cluster 5 - Humanistic Appreciation (Total credits = 6)

<i>Required courses = 3credits</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal and Social Ethics (PHIL P120) or Elementary Ethics (PHIL P140)	<i>Suggested Courses = 3 credit hours</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courses in literature• Courses in religion• Courses in philosophy• Courses in fine arts/music
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Cluster 6 - Open = 6 credits of your choice

These open electives may be either nursing electives or general education courses depending on your area of interest.

How do I become a nursing student at IU East?

1. Call IU East Admissions at 765-973-8208 and request an application for admission to Indiana University East. Complete this form and enclose a \$25.00 application fee.
2. Contact your high school and any other institutions of higher learning to request that an official transcript or an official copy of your GED scores be sent to:
Office of Admissions
Indiana University East
2325 Chester Blvd.
Richmond, IN 47374
3. Once you have been admitted to IU East, you should contact the pre-nursing advisor for an appointment. Call 1-800-959-EAST, ext. 235, (or locally 973-8235). At that time you will receive information concerning your program plan.
4. If you have previously completed any college courses, the Office of Admissions will evaluate your college transcript(s). You will receive a "Credit Transfer Report" from the Office of Admissions. At that time, please make an appointment with the pre-nursing advisor to review your credits, complete an individual program plan, and to prepare you to register for appropriate courses.