



# Indiana University South Bend

## BSN PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED NURSES

[www.iusb.edu](http://www.iusb.edu)

<https://www.iusb.edu/nursing/degree-programs/undergraduate-program/rn-bsn/index.php>

### IU SOUTH BEND ADVANTAGES

**Flexibility** - IU South Bend offers two different options for the RN to BSN program that can fit easily into your unique work and family schedule- *on campus* or *online*. The *on campus* option is primarily a part time program. RN's complete prerequisites then take two courses per semester with completion in five semesters. In the *on campus* option, the courses are taken sequentially, each over eight weeks so you only have to focus on one course at a time. In the *online option*, after general education requirements are met, nursing courses are provided in a web-based format. In the *online option* the student that takes a full time load (12 credits hours/semester) can complete the program within one year.

**Reputation** - Your degree comes from Indiana University School of Nursing, one of the top 20 nursing programs in the country. Your degree will be widely recognized and respected, no matter where you work or apply for further studies. The IU South Bend School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

**Affordability** – IU South Bend offers the only public college or university baccalaureate nursing program in the Northern Indiana/Southern Michigan area, which means reasonable tuition rates and access to financial aid.

**Your Career** - In today's job market, a bachelor's degree in nursing will increase your mobility and earning power. The BSN prepares you for career enhancement and transitions in the changing health care system. Graduates from the IU South Bend BSN program are able to evaluate current nursing practices, apply research findings, and develop new

approaches to leadership on the health care team. The BSN at IU South Bend prepares a generalist in professional nursing and provides an excellent foundation for graduate studies.

### ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

#### BOTH PROGRAMS:

- Full admission to IU South Bend (\$35 application fee)
- Official College Transcripts from all colleges attended
- Verification of active, unencumbered RN License
- Completed and passed current criminal background check

#### On-Campus program track requires:

- Verification of graduation from an accredited program (NLNAC/ACEN or a program with an articulation agreement for the RN to BSN)
- Grade Point Average of 2.7 (or Equivalent) on 4.0 scale

#### On-line Program Track requires:

- Verification of graduation from a NLNAC/ACEN Accredited nursing program
- Grade Point Average of 2.5 (or Equivalent) on 4.0 scale

## COURSES AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A total of 52 general education credit hours are required—19 in critical analytical cluster (Science) and 30 in the combined humanities/culture/communications cluster. Three credit hours are open for electives. Certain nursing course credit hours, depending on your experience, may be completed by submitting a professional portfolio. (The portfolio credits cannot be included in the minimum of 30 credit hours that must be taken at IU South Bend in order to receive a degree from IU)

Required Courses	
Anatomy and Physiology	8 – 10 credit hours
Microbiology	4 – 5 credit hours
Common Core, 300 level (at IUSB)	3 credit hours
Cultural-focus course	3 credit hours
English Composition	3 credit hours
Oral Communication	3 credit hours
Introduction to Psychology	3 credit hours
Introduction to Sociology	3 credit hours
Introductory Ethics	3 credit hours

Other General Education Requirements	
Critical/Analytical/Science Cluster	19 credit hours (when combined with above requirements)
Cultural/Social/Humanistic/Communication Cluster	30 credit hours (when combined with above requirements)
Open Electives	3 credit hours

Nursing Courses—33 credit hours	
Transition to BSN Practice	3 credit hours
Health Policy	3 credit hours
Informatics	3 credit hours
Data Analysis (statistics)	3 credit hours
Research Process	3 credit hours
Applied Health Care Ethics	3 credit hours
Community Health: RN-BSN (includes practicum)	3 credit hours
Nursing Management RN-BSN (includes practicum)	3 credit hours
Clinical Nursing Capstone	3 credit hours
Nursing Elective	3 credit hours
Comprehensive Health Assessment Elective (Recommended if intend to apply to an NP program)	3 credit hours

Registered nurses are required to submit criminal history checks. Health records and a urine drug screening may be required prior to the practicum courses if those hours are at a facility other than where the RN is employed. Current CPR and TB screening are required as well as an initial health exam verifying immunization requirements and freedom from communicable diseases.

*Indiana University South Bend is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Minority groups, women, disabled individuals are encouraged to apply. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Please contact Janet Gilroy, Director of Student Services, College of Health Sciences,, Northside Hall 452 or by telephone at (574) 520-4571.*

*For hearing impaired. SPRINT provides services at 1-800-743-3333.*