

# Nursing—Accelerated RN to BSN



- NURSING  
Accelerated BSN  
Degree Program  
for the RN



## NURSING

*Why select the Accelerated Professional Nursing Program at the University of Indianapolis?*

In recognition of the need for ASN or diploma graduate nurses to continue their education, this flexible program was designed to accommodate the learning needs and career goals of registered nurse students.

The student-centered curriculum is based on adult education principles, providing students with the opportunity to build on previous knowledge, clinical experiences, and education. The student is actively engaged in the learning process through seminars, guided studies, and experiential learning activities. Practicum (clinical) experiences are project-based and arranged on an individual basis for most courses.

The nursing courses are offered in a 12-month accelerated format. The theory portions of the classes will be conducted one evening per week. However, many of the courses are offered partially or totally online, requiring less time in the classroom. The practicum will be precepted experiences held during scheduled class times and/or arranged to fit the students' schedules. In the spring, individuals should apply to the School of Nursing to be considered for a place in nursing courses during the next academic year. Students may enroll in general education classes during any enrollment period.

## WHAT ARE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?

Students must meet general University degree requirements and all requirements of the nursing major. See the *University Catalog* for degree requirements (note the 30-credit residency requirement). In addition, applicants must be registered nurses who:

- have graduated from an NLN-accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program,
- have graduated from a regionally accredited college/university
- have current RN licensure in Indiana,
- have been admitted to the University of Indianapolis,
- have completed all science requirements,
- have 15 or fewer credit hours to be taken in general education and support courses, and
- are currently engaged in clinical practice.

## THE PROGRAM

*Courses are accelerated generally 5–7 weeks in length (offered in a combination of in-class and online settings) and are taken in the following sequence:*

### *Semester I*

**NURN 320—Conceptual Basis of Professional Nursing** (5 credits): This transitional nurse-centered course focuses on concepts including community-based care, professionalism, commitment to personal and professional growth, and professional socialization from a nursing perspective.

**NURN 330—Methods of Nursing Research** (3 credits): Basic research concepts and the research process are introduced in this course. Knowledge of the research process, statistics, scientific writing, and critical thinking is demonstrated through the writing of critiques of published nursing research.

**NURN 340—Pathophysiological Concepts for Professional Nursing** (3 credits): Pathophysiology and clinical manifestations of each disease are studied, with emphasis given to defining scientific rationale for nursing actions.

### *Semester II*

**NURN 416—Health Promotion Across the Lifespan** (7 credits): A holistic approach is utilized to address the lifelong health requirements of diverse populations in the community.

**NURN 421—Promoting Healthy Communities** (4 credits): This population-focused course prepares students for entry-level community health nursing and public health nursing practice. Health promotions, risk reduction, and disease prevention are the foci of care.

### *Semester III*

**NURN 422—Managing and Leading in Nursing** (4 credits): Traditional leadership and management perspectives are integrated into contemporary nursing trends and practical application in various health settings.

**NURN 480—Capstone Professional Nursing Practicum** (4 credits): This course provides an opportunity for facilitated learning in a clinical area of interest.

## **WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM COSTS?**

The per-credit-hour charges are calculated at the Extended Program rate for the nursing courses (currently \$310 per credit hour) or the SAL rate for accelerated general education courses (currently \$300 per credit hour), which are substantially lower than the Day Division rate. For financial aid information, call (317) 788-3217. Nursing 2000's website, [www.nursing2000inc.org](http://www.nursing2000inc.org), provides information regarding financial aid specific to nursing.

*“What makes me comfortable in the School of Nursing is the respect that is given to us by the faculty and staff. We are treated as professionals and are encouraged to share our experiences.” —Cindy Lewis*



## **WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PROGRAM'S FACULTY?**

Our RN students are taught by expert nursing faculty—never by teaching assistants or graduate students. Because our faculty are active practicing nurses, you'll be exposed to current issues and the latest technological advances in nursing. Our faculty conduct research and publish their findings in academic journals, present papers at conferences, and hold offices in professional associations. They also are very involved in helping others through service in the community. Visit <http://nursing.uindy.edu> to learn more about the faculty.

Our nursing faculty have high standards and expectations, and they truly care about helping you succeed. They'll take time to meet with you outside the classroom, give you advice about class projects and assignments, provide constructive comments about your work, respect your opinions, and encourage you. You'll never be just another face in the crowd at the University of Indianapolis—you'll form close relationships with your professors and your classmates.

## **ACCELERATED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

Through an agreement established by the School of Nursing and the University's School for Adult Learning, registered nurses may enroll in accelerated general education courses needed for the BSN. This will enable the registered nurse to complete general education courses more quickly. Any undergraduate General Education Core course can be completed in the Accelerated Program. Tuition reimbursement programs are accepted. Information on the Employer Reimbursement Tuition Deferral Procedure is available from the University Bursar's Office.

Courses generally are offered in five-week sessions. The class meets one evening a week for three hours and 45 minutes. The schedule for each term/semester is available on the School for Adult Learning Web page at <http://sal.uindy.edu>. The syllabus for each course is available online two weeks in advance of the session, and students are expected to be prepared for the first class.

## ADVISING AND REGISTERING

The registered nurse should schedule classes and advising through the advisor in the School of Nursing.

The registered nurse is encouraged to complete the general education accelerated courses required in the program *before* enrolling in the accelerated nursing courses. Students must have fewer than five general education courses remaining to apply for the nursing component.

Students must complete all degree requirements by December after completion of nursing courses in August.

All University students may establish credit by exam. See the *2011–13 Academic Catalog* for information. Exams are given through School for Adult Learning.

The SAL office is located in Esch Hall, Room 103. The office is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

## WHO IS AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM?

You may contact Priscilla Crumble-Moore at (317) 788-4960 or [crumblemoorep@uindy.edu](mailto:crumblemoorep@uindy.edu). You may also contact Dr. Connie Wilson, coordinator, at (317) 788-3321 or [cwilson@uindy.edu](mailto:cwilson@uindy.edu).

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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

The University of Indianapolis is a private, residential, comprehensive university founded in 1902 by what is now the United Methodist Church. Ranked in the top tier of universities in its class by *U.S. News and World Report*, UIndy offers a comprehensive education in the arts and sciences, education, and health care. All courses are taught by qualified faculty, not teaching assistants, and its outstanding academic offerings include 80 bachelor's, 27 master's, and several doctoral degree programs.

With caring, dedicated professors, a student-to-faculty ratio of 14 to 1, and an average class size of 18 students, the University provides personal attention in a nurturing environment. Its students are encouraged to apply their learning through internships, service projects, and other real-world experiences. More than 5,000 students from around the world study at its Indianapolis campus; more than 300 are enrolled at its branch campus in Athens, Greece.

The University accepts qualified applicants for admission without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or ethnic or national origin, is committed to the spirit and letter of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and strives to provide equal access in all phases of University life and activity.

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