

NURSING 6001
RN to BSN Completion Option
A Two-Year Option Leading to a B.S. Degree

Registered nurses who have completed an associate degree or diploma from a program that is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) may apply for admission to the RN to BSN program and earn a baccalaureate in nursing. NLNAC candidacy application is in process. The program is designed to provide professional registered nurses the opportunity to achieve advancement in their careers and seek leadership and management roles in the health care setting. The didactic nursing courses will be offered on campus and the clinical experiences will be in various healthcare settings.

The RN to BSN Completion Option will be seeking accreditation by the Indiana State Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Information on accreditation status may be obtained by contacting the NLNAC. They may be contacted at the following address: NLNAC, Inc., 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006 (1-800-669-1656, Extension 153, or www.nlnac.org).

Program Outcomes

At the completion of the RN-BSN Completion Option, the graduate will:

1. Demonstrate critical thinking and intellectual curiosity in order to provide holistic care to a variety of clients.
2. Provide leadership through communication with clients and the interdisciplinary team for the purpose of positively affecting health care outcomes.
3. Demonstrate caring through a holistic approach to client care.
4. Facilitate community and public health education to achieve optimal levels of wellness for the client.
5. Practice within an ethical framework and legal guidelines promoting a positive public image of nursing, and participating in the change process to shape health care policy.
6. Utilize current research to provide client care and pursue lifelong learning to maintain professional growth.

Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet the following basic admission requirements.

1. Meet admission requirements of the University.
2. Possess physical and mental health acceptable for performance in the occupation as evidenced by examination by a licensed physician.
3. Must possess an Indiana Registered Nurse license prior to beginning any 300 level clinical nursing courses, and maintain licensure in Indiana and state of clinical practicum.
4. Complete all Vincennes University General Education requirements for an A.S. Degree. Transfer students who are licensed Registered Nurses within six hours of completing the A.S. General Education Requirements, and in good academic standing, may enter the RN to BSN Completion Option.
5. Must have attained a minimum GPA of 2.5 from an accredited associate degree nursing program or diploma program in nursing.

Note: Admission to the University does not ensure admission to the nursing program. The number of students admitted is limited by the availability of instructional resources and clinical learning sites. Each applicant is reviewed individually. Any falsification of application information will result in denial of admission or removal from the program.

Requirements for All Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Students Admitted to the Program

Once students are admitted to the program, and before beginning any nursing courses, students are responsible for completing the following requirements:

1. Students must possess current certification in Basic Life Support (American Red Cross, CPR Professional Rescue or American Heart Association Healthcare Provider level).
2. Students must complete and have on file with the University Health Service Office a current medical/physical form, immunization records form, and the Hepatitis B vaccination form. Students must possess current immunizations and annual TB (PPD) test, and provide verification of Hepatitis B inoculation or refusal thereof.

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3. A fee for liability insurance which will be charged through the University Bursar's Office.
4. Any costs for necessary health care will be the responsibility of the student. Therefore, students are strongly urged to maintain health insurance coverage.
5. Additional criminal history documents and/or screenings may be required based on the changing policies of the clinical agencies.

Standards for Progression and Graduation

1. All required science courses *must* be successfully completed (completion with a grade of C or better) concurrently or prior to the recommended course sequence.
2. Students may repeat a required academic course one time in order to raise the grade to a C and maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.0
3. Nursing students must achieve a minimum grade of C in all science and nursing courses and maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 each semester. Failure to meet this requirement will result in withdrawal from the nursing program at the end of the semester.
4. If the student's average is at least 2.0, but the student has earned a grade less than a C in required science and/or nursing courses, the student must withdraw from the nursing program at the end of the semester. The student may apply for readmission to the nursing program for the following year.
5. If the semester average falls below 2.0 and the student has earned a grade less than C in required science and/or nursing courses, the student will be required to enroll in one semester of General Studies. Failure to make up all deficiencies during this semester of General Studies will result in denial of readmission to the nursing program.
6. When students are enrolled in a nursing course that has a corequisite and earn a grade less than a C in the nursing course, students *may* complete the remaining nursing corequisite during the current semester.
7. Students may only be readmitted to the nursing program one time. If unsuccessful in the second attempt, students cannot be readmitted to this nursing program.
8. Students must comply with student handbook, clinical facilities, college catalog, and syllabi rules/regulations.

Major Program Requirements		Credit Hours	82	<i>Recommended Sequence of Courses For A.S. to B.S.</i>
FACS 206	Fundamentals of Nutrition.....	3		(This sequence assumes any necessary developmental requirements have been met.)
LFSC 112	Anatomy and Physiology II.....	2		
LFSC 112L	Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory II.....	1		
LFSC 210	Microbiology.....	2		
LFSC 210L	Microbiology Laboratory.....	2		
MATH 110	Statistics -or-			
HCMG 311	Biomedical & Managerial Statistics.....	3		
NURS 100	Nursing Fundamentals.....	8		Semester I
NURS 130	Maternal-Newborn Nursing.....	4		CHEM 101.....3
NURS 150	Medical-Surgical Nursing I.....	4		CHEM 101L.....1
NURS 200	Medical-Surgical Nursing II.....	4		ENGL 101.....3
NURS 230	Pediatric Nursing.....	4		LFSC 111.....2
NURS 240	Psychosocial Nursing.....	4		LFSC 111L.....1
NURS 250	Medical-Surgical Nursing III.....	4		NURS 100.....8
NURS 260	Issues and Trends.....	2		Total Hours: 18
NURS 300	Professional Nursing.....	3		Semester II
NURS 330	Physical Assessment.....	3		ENGL 102.....3
NURS 360	Introduction to Nursing Research.....	3		LFSC 112.....2
NURS 370	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Nursing.....	7		LFSC 112L.....1
NURS 380	Gerontology Nursing.....	3		MATH 102.....3
NURS 460	Community Health Nursing.....	4		NURS 130.....4
NURS 475	Nursing Leadership and Management.....	4		NURS 150.....4
NURS 485	Senior Concentration in Nursing.....	4		Total Hours: 17
NURS 490	Capstone Experience in Baccalaureate Nursing.....	4		Semester III
				LFSC 210.....2
				LFSC 210L.....2
				NURS 200.....4
				NURS 230.....4
				PSYC 142.....3
				SPCH 143/148(W).....3
				Total Hours: 18

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General Education Requirements

See pages 64 to 74 in this catalog for a complete description of the general education and assessment requirements.

Basic Skills Core		9
ENGL 101	English Composition I.....	3
MATH 102	College Algebra (or higher mathematics).....	3
SPCH 143	Speech -or-	
SPCH 148	Interpersonal Communication	3

The Reading and Speaking Intensive requirements may be met by NURS 260.

The Writing Intensive requirement may be met by NURS 260 or SPCH 148.

The Mathematics Intensive requirement may be met by a subsequent mathematics course or by passing a mathematics assessment examination.

Liberal Education Core		33
CHEM 101	Elementary Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry	3
CHEM 101L	Elementary Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry Laboratory.....	1
ENGL 102	English Composition II.....	3
LFSC 111	Anatomy and Physiology I	2
LFSC 111L	Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I.....	1
PFWL 100	Lifetime Fitness/Wellness	2
PHIL 313	Contemporary Ethical Issues	3
PSYC 142	General Psychology.....	3
SOCL 151	Principles of Sociology.....	3
	History Elective (Social Science Core)	3
	Humanities Elective – Common Core List.....	3
	Humanities Elective – Common OR Broad Core List.....	3
	Diverse Cultures/Global Perspectives Elective	3

The Computer Skills requirement is met by Computers Across the Curriculum.

Semester IV	
NURS 240	4
NURS 250	4
NURS 260(R/W/S)	2
PFWL 100	2
SOCL 151	3
Humanities Elec	3
Total Hours: 18	
Semester V	
MATH 110/HCMG 311	3
NURS 300	3
NURS 370	7
Total Hours: 13	
Semester VI	
FACS 206.....	3
NURS 330	3
NURS 360	3
NURS 380	3
Total Hours: 12	
Semester VII	
NURS 460	4
NURS 475	4
PHIL 313	3
Div Cul/G P Elec	3
Total Hours: 14	
Semester VIII	
NURS 485	4
NURS 490	4
History Elect	3
Hum Elec (Common/ Broad Core).....	3
Total Hours: 14	