

FAQ about CODOing into Nursing

- 1. Is there a deadline for applying?** Applications are reviewed in January/June for admission for the next fall semester. Applications are to be submitted by December 15/April 15 for review. Applicants will be notified by February 1st/July 1st regarding their admission status.
- 2. How long will it take me to complete the nursing program?** The sequence of NUR courses will take at least 7 semesters regardless of how many of the non-NUR courses you have completed. If all pre-requisites are met and spaces in the NUR courses become available, you may be able to complete the program in 6 semesters.
- 3. Which non-NUR courses am I allowed to take even though I am not in the nursing program?** You may take any of the non-NUR courses required providing you have met the necessary pre-requisites for a course. It is not recommended that you take PHPR 20200 (completion of BIOL 20300 and 20400 and CHM 11100 and 11200 are prerequisites) until you have been admitted into the nursing program.
- 4. How do I know which electives to take?** There is a handout which is available in the Student Services Office, JNSN 109. Ask for "Guidelines for Selecting Courses."
- 5. Are there any other schools which have programs preparing someone to become an RN?** The Student Services Office, JNSN 109, has a catalog listing the various types of programs available in the United States. Be aware that there are 2 yr., 3 yr. and 4 yr. programs which all prepare someone to take the NCLEX exams to be certified as an RN. The program at Purdue, West Lafayette campus, is a 4 yr. program preparing someone to enter nursing at a professional level with a BS degree. 2 and 3 year programs prepare someone to enter nursing at a technical level. Graduates of 2 and 3 year programs are eligible to apply to enter the BS program at Purdue to complete their bachelor of science degree providing they have successfully passed the NCLEX.
- 6. What do I do if I have all or most of the non-NUR classes done but have to wait to be admitted to the program?** There is no guarantee of admission regardless of how many credits you have completed. If you choose to apply to the BS program here, it is suggested that you have a "Plan B" in order to be working towards a goal while you await admission to the program. If you are admitted and only have the NUR courses to take, you may carry a lighter load or you may take other courses towards your "Plan B" major. It is your choice as to what you take if you have satisfied all the nursing curriculum requirements.
- 7. What has been the usual competition for admission to the nursing program as a CODO student?** We normally receive 50-60 applications for a possible 20 spaces. To be competitive, applicants should exceed the minimum requirements with probably a B+ GPA and B grades or better in the science courses. Final decisions are based on the quality of the pool of applications received.
- 8. Whom can I speak with if I have further questions?** We ask that you first attend a CODO Informational Meeting where most questions can be answered. The meeting schedule is available from our secretary in the Student Services Office, JNSN 109. If you have attended a meeting, then you may call for an appointment to meet with one of our advisors. Our office number is (765) 494-4004.
- 9. Why do you admit so few when there is a demand for nurses?** We are limited by the size of our faculty as well as our clinical facilities. Nursing education is an expensive program. Our clinical labs are generally limited to 8 students per lab. We compete for clinical spaces with other nursing programs in the area and we are at the limit.
- 10. How does Purdue's program rank against other nursing programs?** We are proud of the accomplishments of our graduates. They have consistently passed the NCLEX at a high percentage rate—well above the national average and usually the best in Indiana. Placement has always been at 100% and our graduates have been highly recruited.