

Applications for admission to the School of Nursing should be submitted to the Purdue University Office of Admissions early in your senior year. You should indicate a first-choice major of Nursing on the application. You should submit your application by the priority deadline of **November 1**. The Nursing program is a highly competitive and selective academic program with limited space. The initial release of admissions decisions will begin January 15 and will continue on a rolling basis thereafter.

Your acceptance as a new student at Purdue University is influenced by many factors. Specifically, the Purdue University Office of Admissions is guided by the following:

1. Your graduation from a high school accredited by a state department of public instruction or completion of a GED.
2. The extent to which you meet or exceed the minimum subject matter expectations. Most applicants far exceed the minimum expectations indicated in the following table. Specifically, we strongly encourage completion of at least 8 semesters of lab science in the areas of biology, chemistry, and anatomy and physiology, if offered (physics is also acceptable). For admission to nursing, your high school record **must** include a minimum of:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Semesters</u>
English	8
Social Studies	6
Academic Math (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus, etc.)	8
Lab Science (minimum of 2 semesters of biology and 2 semesters of chemistry)	6
Foreign Language	4

3. Holistic review: Applications are reviewed on an individual and holistic basis. First and foremost, applicants must be prepared academically for the rigors of college and the academic demands specific to the nursing program. In its individual review of each applicant, Purdue considers the following factors equally: high school course expectations (see above); overall grades in academic coursework; grades in courses related to the nursing program; strength of the student's high school curriculum; trends in achievement; class rank; overall grade point average; core grade point average (English, academic math, laboratory sciences, social studies, and foreign languages); SAT or ACT scores; ability to be successful in the School of Nursing; personal background and experiences; interest in becoming a nurse; information provided by the student's guidance counselor; time of year the student applies; and space availability in the nursing program.
4. Required tests: All applicants who have not completed a full year of college coursework are required to take either the SAT or the ACT. Students are encouraged to take either test during the spring of their junior year in high school. Purdue has a test-flexible policy for students applying in Fall 2021 for enrollment in Fall 2022. This means that if a student can take an SAT or ACT, we prefer they do so. However, we recognize that possible cancellations and postponement of national standardized tests due to pandemic restrictions may be impacting students' applications. With that in mind, we will move forward and review any application from a student who is unable to take a standardized test.

Although there are no stated minimum required high school GPA or test scores for the School of Nursing or for Purdue University as a whole, the quality of the overall applicant pool results in fairly high averages for students admitted to the School of Nursing. For the last admitted freshman class, the averages were:

High school GPA	3.81
Unweighted core GPA	3.76 (English 3.77, Math 3.69, Lab Science 3.73, Soc. Studies 3.80, Foreign Lang. 3.81)
SAT score	1284 (Reading/Writing – 644, Math – 646)
ACT composite	29

These are averages for the entire admitted freshman class, so this means there were students admitted with higher scores and with lower scores. Averages will vary from year to year depending upon the applicant pool.

The following itemizations show the approximate expenses nursing students are expected to incur for the academic year (in addition to university tuition and fees, room and board, miscellaneous, and travel expenses normally allocated).

Freshman Year

Books	\$1500
Student clinical fee (per semester)*	\$524
Immunizations (if needed)	\$150

Sophomore Year

Books	\$1100
Student clinical fee (per semester)*	\$524
Physical examination, immunizations (if needed)	\$200-300
Criminal history background check	\$50
Drug screen	\$40
CPR certification (for Health Care Providers)	\$50-85
Transportation (to and from clinical facilities)	\$150
Uniforms	\$250
Watch (digital or with a second hand), stethoscope	\$150

Junior Year

Books	\$1000
Student clinical fee (per semester)*	\$524
TB skin test (Mantoux)	\$20
Criminal history background check	\$25
Drug screen	\$40
CPR recertification	\$50-85
Transportation (to and from clinical facilities)	\$300

Senior Year

Books	\$500
Student clinical fee (per semester)*	\$524
Immunizations (if needed)	\$100-200
Criminal history background check	\$25
Drug screen	\$40
CPR recertification	\$50-85
Transportation (to and from clinical facilities)	\$150
Cap and gown rental	\$20
Baccalaureate degree pin (optional; cost varies depending on selection)	\$60-300
Senior pictures and class composite (optional)	\$40-150
R.N. licensure expenses (fee based on Indiana; other states will vary)	\$250

*Student clinical fee: Students will be assessed a fee each semester to cover expenses incurred for clinical experiences and equipment, as well as supplemental instruction, including software for clinical courses and NCLEX prep. The Fall semester fee also covers the cost of liability insurance.

FRESHMAN YEAR

First Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology I ^{cc}	BIOL 20300	3	2	4
General Chemistry I ^{cc}	CHM 11100	3	3	3
First Year Composition ^{cc}	ENGL 10600 or 10800 (or HONR 19903)	4 (3)	- -	4 (3)
Introduction to Human Development ^{cc*}	HDFS 21000	3	-	3
Introduction to Nursing	NUR 10800	1	-	1
Total		14 (13)	5	15 (14)

Second Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Human Anatomy and Physiology II ^{cc}	BIOL 20400	3	2	4
General Chemistry II ^{cc}	CHM 11200	3	3	3
Elementary Psychology ^{cc}	PSY 12000	3	-	3
<i>Guided Sociology Selective^{cc*}</i>	<i>Select from list</i>	3	-	3
<i>Guided Statistics Selective^{cc*}</i>	<i>Select from list</i>	3	-	3
Introduction to Nursing II	NUR 10900	1	-	1
Total		16	5	17

SOPHOMORE YEAR

First Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Health Assessment & Essentials of Nursing Practice I	NUR 21801	3	6	5
Pathopharmacology I	NUR 21901	3	-	3
Foundations of Research and Evidence Based Practice*	NUR 22301	3	-	3
Essentials of Nutrition ^{cc*}	NUTR 30300	3	-	3
Total		12	6	14

Second Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Introduction to Microbiology ^{cc*}	BIOL 22100	3	2	4
Essentials of Nursing Practice II	NUR 22001	3	6	5
Pathopharmacology II	NUR 22101	3	-	3
Population Health*	NUR 22201	2	-	2
Abnormal Psychology ^{cc*}	PSY 35000	3	-	3
Total		14	8	17

^{cc}Critical Course

*May be taken either first or second semester

**A class hour equals 50 minutes; a clinic hour equals 60 minutes

JUNIOR YEAR

First Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Health Alterations in Adults I*	NUR 31401	4	6	6
Nursing of Childbearing Families*	NUR 31501	3	6	5
Integration Seminar I*	NUR 31601	1	-	1
<i>Oral Communications Selective*</i>	<i>Select from list</i>	3	-	3
Total		11	12	15

Second Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Health Alterations in Adults II*	NUR 31701	4	6	6
Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing*	NUR 31801	3	6	5
Integration Seminar II*	NUR 31901	1	-	1
Total		8	12	12

SENIOR YEAR

First Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Issues in Professional Nursing*	NUR 41001	2	-	2
Leadership in Nursing*	NUR 41701	2	3	3
Transition to Professional Nursing Practice*	NUR 42001	2	6	4
<i>Humanities Selective*</i>	<i>Select from list</i>	3	-	3
Free Electives*		2 (3)	-	2 (3)
Total		11 (12)	9	14 (15)

Second Semester

Course Title	Course Number	Class Hours**	Lab/Clinic Hours**	Credits
Pediatric Nursing*	NUR 41401	3	6	5
Public Health Nursing*	NUR 41501	3	6	5
<i>Guided Health & Human Sciences Selective*</i>	<i>Select from list</i>	3	-	3
<i>Quantitative Reasoning Selective*</i>	<i>Select from list</i>	3	-	3
Total		12	12	16

Total credits: 120

^{cc}Critical Course

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Effective Fall 2018

- The School of Nursing graduates between 150-200 students each year who are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX). NCLEX passing rates of Purdue-WL graduates are consistently higher than the national average (85%) and among the highest for Indiana schools—a passing rate of **97-100%**.
- Placement for graduates remains at close to **100%** for those seeking employment. The School of Nursing sponsors a career fair in November or December of each year. Recruiters are enthusiastic about hiring Purdue-WL graduates.
- The typical beginning salary range of our graduates is \$45-60,000 in the Midwest, with the overall starting salary averaging near **\$54,000**. The U.S. Department of Labor projects that there will be a 15% increase in demand for nurses during this decade. Nursing was ranked #1 in employability in a recent national workforce study. See a list of where some of our recent graduates have started employment or graduate school: purdue.edu/hhs/careers/where-do-hhs-majors-go.php
- Our goal is a freshman class of approximately 145 students each fall, plus 30 CODO/transfer students and 32 Second Degree students. We currently have 699 undergraduate students in the School of Nursing, with 146 graduate students in our Master's, PhD, and Doctor of Nursing Practice graduate programs.
- Admission to our program is highly selective. The application deadline is November 1st for the following fall. We receive over 1,400 applications each fall and admit approximately 30% of students to yield our incoming class of beginning freshmen. Our incoming freshman class is consistently one of the best on campus, with Engineering and Pharmacy being some of the others.
- Students are admitted directly into the School of Nursing. Provided students meet the grade requirements for progression, they are able to move sequentially through their clinical courses without having to wait for space, graduating in four years. Other nursing schools may require a pre-nursing curriculum and choose which students may progress from that pool of pre-nursing students.
- Nursing students remain campus-based students during their college years. They may travel to a clinical site during the day, but students return to campus after their clinical.
- Clinical experiences occur in a variety of settings, including hospitals, convalescent care centers, community agencies, schools, industrial settings, mental health facilities, and nursing clinics. Clinical placements are kept within a 70-mile radius, which includes the greater Indianapolis area. Students should plan to drive to Indianapolis once a week for clinical experiences in the junior and senior years, a driving time of just over one hour. Clinicals may begin as early as 5:50 am, may not end until 9:00 pm, and may occur on Saturday.
- Transportation to clinicals is the responsibility of the student. It is recommended that students have their own vehicle by the time they begin clinicals in the sophomore year, but many of our students prefer to arrange a carpool. Students may occasionally need to travel alone to special experiences during their junior and senior year.
- Clinical group size is generally limited to 8-10 students. Clinical faculty are Master's-prepared or higher, with many holding special certifications in areas of expertise. Some clinical instructors are graduate assistants, who are students in our Master's program and have had many years of clinical experience.
- Class sizes at Purdue vary. As a freshman, a nursing student will be in general courses that may have very large lecture sizes (a few hundred students). These lectures are taught by a professor and generally have a weekly recitation or lab section of 24-30 students, taught by a teaching assistant. Nursing class sizes range from 50-100 students in a lecture class and 8-10 students in a clinical class.

- The Center for Nursing Education & Simulation (CNES) is located on the main floor of the nursing building, Johnson Hall. This teaching/learning laboratory includes simulated hospital rooms, physical assessment areas, computers, interactive digital workstations, instructional space, and a study area. The CNES houses multiple high-fidelity simulator patients, including four adults, a pediatric, an infant, and a maternity with interactive newborn simulator. These simulators immerse our students in realistic clinical situations. Recording capabilities allow students and faculty to critique these simulations during the simulation debriefing.
- The Nursing Center for Family Health (NCFH), located in Lyles-Porter Hall, is a unique facility that provides learning experiences for our students as well as nursing services for the community. It serves as a role model for other nurse-managed clinics in the United States. Satellite clinics are managed in Delphi, Monon, Wolcott, and Burlington, IN.
- There are over 1,000 student organizations at Purdue. Nursing student organizations include the Nursing Student Council, Purdue Student Nurses Association (PSNA), Diversity in Nursing Association (DNA), and Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF). Sigma Theta Tau International (nursing honorary) has a chapter at Purdue, and top students are invited to join at the end of their junior year.
- Some students participate in ROTC programs, which provide opportunities for leadership development, full assignment as an officer upon graduation, and various levels of scholarship support, of which many are full scholarships. The Army, Air Force, and Navy each have ROTC programs at Purdue.
- The School of Nursing has a co-op program that allows students to gain valuable professional practice experience during their academic career. There are also summer externship opportunities available for nursing students who have completed the junior-level clinical courses.
- While it is not possible to study abroad during a fall or spring semester and still graduate in four years, nursing students participate in many Spring Break and/or summer study abroad experiences. The Purdue Study Abroad Office oversees more than 400 different programs in over 50 countries. Nursing faculty have led programs to Ireland, Italy, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Columbia, and other countries. Nursing students may also participate in almost any study abroad program for elective credit.
- Students may reside wherever they choose: residence halls, sorority/fraternity/co-op housing, or off-campus facilities. It is recommended that freshmen live in a residence hall their first year; 94% of Purdue freshmen do. This is the best way to meet other students, get involved, orient yourself to campus, and learn more about Purdue.
- The Nursing Nexus learning community offers the opportunity for 48 freshman nursing students to live together in a residence hall and be placed in the same sections of two of their fall semester classes (BIOL 20300 and NUR 10800) and two of their spring semester classes (BIOL 20400 and NUR 10900).
- All first-time college students who complete the Purdue admission application by November 1 and are admitted will be automatically considered for University scholarships. These awards are limited in number and the award process is competitive. For more information on these scholarships, visit admissions.purdue.edu/costsandfinaid/. Additional scholarships have been established specifically for sophomore, junior, and senior students in nursing. Most of these are awarded based on scholastic performance and need. They are handled through either the School of Nursing or the Division of Financial Aid. As the School of Nursing receives information about scholarship opportunities offered by agencies outside of Purdue, this information is distributed to students via email.
- It is difficult to double-major while in nursing, as this may add additional semesters to a student's plan of study. It is sometimes difficult to add additional classes to a normal nursing course load due to scheduling conflicts with nursing clinicals. It is not uncommon for nursing students to earn minors, however; Psychology, Human Development and Family Studies, and Spanish for the Professions are some of the more common minors.

COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM CREDIT TRANSFER

See next page for a list of AP courses and transfer credit. Bolded courses will fulfill a specific requirement on the Nursing plan of study. Courses listed as "1XXXX" or "2XXXX" receive undistributed credit, which may fulfill a free elective. Students must consult with an academic advisor to determine how credit may be used.

The list of AP transfer credit is also available online: admissions.purdue.edu/transfercredit/collegeboardap.php

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM CREDIT TRANSFER

Exams can be taken at either the Standard Level (SL) or at the Higher Level (HL). Credit normally will be awarded for HL subjects only, but there are a few exceptions. Courses listed as "1XXXX" or "2XXXX" receive undistributed credit, which may fulfill a free elective. Students must consult with an academic advisor to determine how credit may be used.

View the list of IB transfer credit online: admissions.purdue.edu/transfercredit/ibcredit.php

DUAL OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT CREDIT TRANSFER

Students may earn Purdue credit from dual or concurrent high school coursework (courses you took in high school that also count toward college credit, including Purdue's own dual credit program). To evaluate this for possible Purdue credit, students must submit an official transcript from the college or university that administered the course at the time that they apply to Purdue; we cannot use a high school transcript to award Purdue credit. Credit earned through Purdue's dual credit program will already exist on the student's Purdue student record (no need to submit a transcript).

Students may determine how credits awarded from other institutions may be evaluated by Purdue using the online resource located here: selfservice.mypurdue.purdue.edu/prod/bzwtxcd.p_select_info

Courses listed as "1XXXX" or "2XXXX" receive undistributed credit, which may fulfill a free elective. Students must consult with an academic advisor to determine how credit may be used. See "Interpreting Your Transfer Credit" for additional information about credit codes: purdue.edu/registrar/currentStudents/students/credit_evaluation.html

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES

A list of courses that may be used for meeting a foundational learning outcome (Purdue University Core Curriculum) can be found at: purdue.edu/provost/students/s-initiatives/curriculum/courses.html

For more information about transfer credit, visit the Purdue University Office of Admissions website at admissions.purdue.edu/transfercredit.

AP Subject Area	AP Score	Equivalent Purdue Course	Credit Hours
AP Research	3, 4 or 5	UND 1XXXX	3
AP Seminar	3, 4 or 5	UND 1XXXX	3
Art History	3, 4 or 5	A&D 1XXXX	3
Biology	3	BIOL 1XXXX	3
	4	BIOL 11000	4
	5	BIOL 11000 & 11100	8
Calculus AB or Calculus BC - AB (subscore*)	3	MA 15555	3
	4 or 5	MA 16500	4
Calculus BC	3	MA 15555	3
	4 or 5	MA 16500 & 16600	8
*Students who take the AP Calculus BC exam will get a Calculus AB subscore (1-5) in addition to a regular score. The Calculus AB subscore shows how students performed on the part of the exam devoted to Calculus AB topics, which is approximately 60% of the exam.			
Chemistry	3	CHM 11100	3
	4 or 5	CHM 11500 & 11600	8
Computer Science A or AB	3	CS 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	CS 17700	4
Computer Science Principles	3 or 4	CS 1XXXX	3
	5	CS 17700	4
English Language and Composition	3	ENGL 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	ENGL 10600	4
English Literature and Composition	3	ENGL 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	ENGL 23100	3
Environmental Science	3	EAPS 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	EAPS 12500	3
European History	3	HIST 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	HIST 10400	3
Foreign Languages (Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, or Spanish)	3	10100 & 10200	6
	4	10100, 10200 & 20100	9
	5	10100, 10200, 20100 & 20200	12
Government & Politics: Comparative	3	POL 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	POL 14100	3
Government & Politics: United States	3	POL 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	POL 10100	3
Human Geography	3	EAPS 1XXXX	3
	4 or 5	EAPS 12000	3
Macroeconomics	3	ECON 2XXXX**	3
	4 or 5	ECON 25200	3
Microeconomics	3	ECON 2XXXX**	3
	4 or 5	ECON 25100	3
**Students who earn a score of 3 on <u>both</u> Macro and Micro will receive credit for ECON 21000 (3 credits). Students who earn a score of 3 on one test and 4 or 5 on the other test will receive credit for ECON 21000 <u>and</u> credit for the appropriate ECON course as indicated above.			
Music Theory	3, 4 or 5	MUS 1XXXX	3
Physics I	3 or 4	PHYS 1XXXX	3
	5	PHYS 22000	4

Physics II	3 or 4 5	PHYS 1XXXX PHYS 22100	3 4
Physics B	3 or 4 5	PHYS 1XXXX PHYS 22000 & 22100	3 8
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3 or 4 5	PHYS 1XXXX PHYS 27200	3 4
Physics C: Mechanics	3 or 4 5	PHYS 1XXXX PHYS 17200	3 4
Psychology	3 4 or 5	PSY 1XXXX PSY 12000	3 3
Spanish Literature	3 4 or 5	SPAN 1XXXX SPAN 24100	3 3
Statistics	3 4 or 5	STAT 1XXXX STAT 30100	3 3
Studio Art: 2-D Design, 3-D Design, or Drawing	3, 4 or 5	A&D 1XXXX	3
United States History	3 4 or 5	HIST 1XXXX HIST 15100 & 15200	3 6
World History	3 4 or 5	HIST 1XXXX HIST 10500	3 3