

To: RN to BSN Students

Subject: BSN Completion Courses

The BSN Completion Program at Indiana University Kokomo is offered in an accelerated "Pod" Program. This means that the 31 credits required in the nursing major are taught in three "pods" of 10 or 11 credits each within a eight-week period rather than the traditional 16-week semester. Additionally, students are allowed and encouraged to take a wide variety of general education courses to meet the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in nursing. For most students, there are no specific general education courses required. The general education courses are now designed into clusters. Further information on the clusters and the "pods" is attached for your review.

Students need not take all of the general education courses prior to the nursing courses. In other words, students can begin the nursing pods immediately. Three policies are enforced and they are: 1) a student must be licensed as a registered nurse prior to admission and prior to taking any nursing major (pod) courses, 2) a student must complete nursing pod 1 before going to pod 2, and pod 2 before pod 3, and 3) all courses needed for graduation must be completed before or concurrent with pod 3.

Your decision to earn a BSN will serve you well, and we hope that through our innovative programming, you will join us at IUK to earn your BSN in approximately 18 to 24 months. If you are interested in more information or in enrolling for Pod 1, please call Morris Starkey, Coordinator of Nursing Student Services, at (765) 455-9384, today. Haven't you put off earning your BSN long enough?

SAMPLE COURSE PLAN
FOR RNs NEEDING FEW CLUSTER COURSES

10 credits	10 credits	11 credits
Nursing Pod I	Nursing Pod II	*Nursing Pod III
B244	B404	S472
B245	S481	S473
B304	S482	S483
H365	S484	S485
cluster credits		

Legend:

- Nursing Pods: pink sheet
- Critical/Analytic Cluster: blue sheet
- Communication Cluster: green sheet
- Cultural Diversity Cluster: green sheet
- Social Competence Cluster: green sheet
- Humanities Cluster: green sheet
- Fundamental Skills: green sheet

Program Policies:

- student must obtain an RN license prior to taking any nursing major courses
- student must earn a C(2.0) in each general education (cluster course)
- student must earn a C (2.0) or above or S (satisfactory) in each nursing course
- student must complete cluster course requirements prior to or concurrently with Nursing Pod III*

RN students will be eligible to receive 30 credits for course work achieved through previous degrees (ASN or diploma nursing programs). Credit will be granted following the completion of Pods I and II. The following courses are, therefore, waived or assumed to have been completed prior to the RN to BSN program.

- B248/B249 Science and Technology of Nursing (2/2 cr)
- H351 Alterations in Neuro-Psychological Health (3 cr)
- H352 Alterations in Neuro-Psychological Health: Practicum (2 cr)
- H353 Alterations in Health I (3 cr)
- H354 Alterations in Health I: Practicum (2 cr)
- H361 Alterations in Health II (3 cr)
- H362 Alterations in Health II: Practicum (2 cr)
- H363 The Developing Family and Child (3 cr)
- H364 The Developing Family and Child: Practicum (3 cr)
- S470 Restorative Health Related to Multi System Failure (3 cr)
- S471 Restorative Health Related to Multi System Failure: Prac.(2 cr)

Total = 30 credits

SAMPLE COURSE PLAN
FOR IU ASN GRADUATE AND RNs NEEDING SIGNIFICANT CLUSTER CREDITS

10 credits					10 credits	11 credits
Nursing Pod I	cluster credits	cluster credits	cluster credits	cluster credits	Nursing Pod II	*Nursing Pod III
B244					B404	S472
B245					S481	S473
B304					S482	S483
H365					S484	S485
cluster credits						Final cluster credits

Legend:

- Nursing Pods: pink sheet
- Critical/Analytic Cluster: blue sheet
- Communication Cluster: green sheet
- Cultural Diversity Cluster: green sheet
- Social Competence Cluster: green sheet
- Humanities Cluster: green sheet
- Fundamental Skills: green sheet

Program Policies:

- student must earn a C(2.0) in each general education/cluster course.
- student must earn a C (2.0) or above or S (satisfactory) in each nursing course
- student must complete cluster course requirements prior to or concurrently with Nursing Pod III*

achieved through previous degrees (ASN or diploma nursing programs). Credit will be granted following the completion of B304 Professional Nursing Seminar I, B404 Professional Nursing Seminar II, and B244/B245 Comprehensive Health Assessment. The following courses are, therefore, waived or assumed to have been completed prior to the RN to BSN program.

- B248/B249 Science and Technology of Nursing (2/2 cr)
- H351 Alterations in Neuro-Psychological Health (3 cr)
- H352 Alterations in Neuro-Psychological Health: Practicum (2 cr)
- H353 Alterations in Health I (3 cr)
- H354 Alterations in Health I: Practicum (2 cr)
- H361 Alterations in Health II (3 cr)
- H362 Alterations in Health II: Practicum (2 cr)
- H363 The Developing Family and Child (3 cr)
- H364 The Developing Family and Child: Practicum (3 cr)
- S470 Restorative Health Related to Multi System Failure (3 cr)
- S471 Restorative Health Related to Multi System Failure: Prac.(2 cr)

TOTAL CREDITS: 30 cr.

RN students will be eligible to receive 30 credits for course work

NURSING PODS FOR
ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM

Pod I: Socialization to Baccalaureate Nursing

B244/B245	Comprehensive Health Assessment (2/2 cr)
B304	Professional Nursing Seminar I (3 cr)
H365	Nursing Research (3 cr)

POD I = 10 credits

Pod II: BSN Expanded Roles

B404	Professional Nursing Seminar II (3 cr)
S481	Nursing Management (2 cr)
S482	Nursing Management Practicum (3 cr)
S484	Research Utilization (2 cr)

POD II = 10 credits

Pod III: Managing Communities

S472	Multi System/Community (3 cr)
S473	Multi System/Community (2 cr)
S483	Clinical Nursing Capstone (3 cr)
S485	Professional Growth and Empowerment (3 cr)

POD III = 11 credits

General Electives (6 cr)

Nursing and non-nursing course-work

Critical/Analytical Cluster Courses

Courses in this cluster are specifically identified to assist the student in understanding and using a purposeful thought process to accurately interpret nursing problems, evaluate information in determining probable validity and reliability and relevance to problems at hand, make inferences that avoid faulty reasoning and promote decision making, explain and define reasoning supporting decisions/conclusions, and monitor thought processes of self and others for correcting decision processes.

Courses in this cluster include but may not be limited to:

- Statistics/mathematical logic
- Ethics
- Logic
- Natural sciences
- Research
- Philosophy

The Critical/Analytical Cluster includes, but is not limited to, the following courses at IU Kokomo. Students must take a total of 31 credits in this area.

Biological/Physical Sciences

- A215 Basic Human Anatomy (5 cr)
- P215 Basic Mammalian Physiology (5 cr)
- J200 Microbiology & Immunology (3 cr)
- J201 Microbiology Laboratory (1 cr)
- C100 The World of Chemistry (3 cr) (Please note credit only given for one of the following:
C100, C101 or C105)
- C101 Elementary Chemistry I (3 cr)
- C121 Elementary Chemistry Laboratory I (2 cr)
- C102 Elementary Chemistry II (3 cr)
- C122 Elementary Chemistry Laboratory II (2 cr)
- C105 Principles of Chemistry I (3 cr)
- L100 Human & The Biological World (5 cr) (Please note credit only given for one of the following:
L100 or L105)
- L105 Intro to Biology (5 cr)
- L270 Humans & Micro organisms (3 cr)
- L370 Plants, Animals & Civilization (3 cr)
- B203 Survey of the Plant Kingdom (5 cr)
- A100 The Solar System (3 cr)
- G107 Physical Systems of the Environment (3 cr)
- G103 Earth Sciences: Materials & Processes (3 cr)
- G104 Earth Sciences: Evolution of the Earth (3 cr)
- P100 Physics in the Modern World (5 cr)
- P201 General Physics I (5 cr)

Philosophy

- P100 Intro to Philosophy (3 cr)
- P140 Elementary Ethics (3 cr)
- P150 Elementary Logic (3 cr)
- P242 Applied Ethics (3 cr)
- P342 Problems in Ethics (3 cr)
- P346 Philosophy and Art (3 cr)
- P358 American Philosophy (3 cr)
- P360 Intro to Philosophy I (3 cr)

Mathematics & Information Sciences

- C100* Computing Tools (1 cr)
- C106 Intro to Computers & Their Use (3 cr)
- M117 Intermediate Algebra (3 cr)
- M125* or M118*
Precalculus Math (3 cr) or M118 Finite Math (3 cr)
- STAT 301 Elementary Statistic Methods I (3 cr)
- PSY K300 Statistical Techniques (3 cr)

Communication Cluster Courses

Courses in this cluster are important to the development of promoting an accurate understanding of the written and spoken word. This cluster of courses also emphasizes the use of technology in managing, transferring and enhancing information.

Courses in this cluster include but may not be limited to:

- English composition
- Computer literacy
- Speech/public speaking
- Symbolic logic
- Foreign language
- Creative writing/professional writing

The Communication Cluster includes, but is not limited to, the following courses at IU Kokomo. Students must take 9 credits in this area.

- *W131 Elementary Composition I (3 cr)
- *W132 Elementary Composition II (3 cr)
- *S121 Public Speaking (3 cr)
- S122 Interpersonal Communication (3 cr)
- C106 Introduction to Computers (3 cr)
- T120 Acting I

Humanities Cluster Courses

Cultural Diversity, Social Competence, and Humanistic appreciation have all been arranged under this cluster. Many of these courses are very appropriate for non-nursing electives.

Cultural Diversity: Students are expected to develop an understanding of and appreciation for the diversity and the impact that diverse values and beliefs have in shaping human behavior.

Courses in this cluster include but may not be limited to:

- Anthropology
- Religion
- Women=s/cultural studies
- Health practices/beliefs
- World history
- Promoting cultural understanding through literature

Social Competence: Students will be taking courses that will assist in the development of competencies and skills consistent with the ability to manage human, fiscal and material resources; develop an understanding of the political and legal process governing laws and policies effecting health and well-being; and build an appreciation for exiting community resources and the defining of additional resources.

Courses in this cluster include but may not be limited to:

- Psychology
- Sociology/social psychology
- Political science
- Management
- Economics
- Politics/Law/Justice

Humanistic Appreciation: This cluster is critical to developing an understanding of human nature and helps students develop a strong sense of esthetics.

Courses in this cluster include but may not be limited to:

- Religion
- Fine arts
- Music
- Literature
- Philosophy

The Humanities Cluster includes, but is not limited to, the following courses at IU Kokomo. Students must take 15 credits in this area.

W350	Women: Images & Perspectives (3 cr)
A103	Human Origins & Prehistory (3 cr)
A104	Culture & Society (3 cr)
E320	Indians of North America (3 cr)
E329	Indians in the US in the 20th Century (3 cr)
P200	Intro to Prehistoric Archeology (3 cr)
P360	Prehistory of North America (3 cr)
H105	American History (3 cr)
A333	History of Indiana I (3 cr)
C392	History of Modern Near East (3 cr)
P103	General Psychology (3 cr)
P216	Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3 cr)
S100	Intro to Sociology (3 cr)
S101	Social Problems and Policies (3 cr)
S230	Society & The Individual (3 cr)
S316	Sociology of the Family (3 cr)
L101	Western World Masterpieces I (3 cr)
L102	Western World Masterpieces II (3 cr)
L354	American Literature since 1914 (3 cr)
L355	American Fiction to 1900 (3 cr)
L357	Twentieth-Century American Poetry (3 cr)
L358	Twentieth-Century American Fiction (3 cr)
L378	Studies in Women & Literature (3 cr)

L379	American Ethics & Minority Literature (3 cr)
L390	Children=s Literature (3 cr)
L391	Literature for Young Adults (3 cr)
W203	Creative Writing (3 cr)
F101	Intro to Folklore (3 cr)
F202	Intro to Folklife (3 cr)
F220	Intro to American Folklore (3 cr)
F350	Folklore & Women (3 cr)
R152	Intro to Religions of the West (3 cr)
R233	Intro to the Hebrew Bible (3 cr)
R243	Intro to New Testament (3 cr)
R280	Christian Theology: Speaking of God (3 cr)
C108	Intro to Theater (3 cr)
C200	Intro to Mass Communications (3 cr)
C205	Intro to Oral Interpretations (3 cr)
C281	Topics in Nonverbal Communication (1-3 cr)
C480	Communication Theory (3 cr)
S444	Political Communication (3 cr)

Other courses may be taken in these areas, but may require prerequisite courses and/or instructor permission. Please note it is your responsibility to meet course prerequisite requirements. Check the IU Kokomo Bulletin for further details.

Note: courses cannot be used to meet requirements in multiple clusters

IUK=s General Education Program

Required of all students entering Indiana University Kokomo beginning First Semester 1994-95 who pursue a Baccalaureate degree. These courses will apply toward the Cluster Requirements.

Category I - *Fundamental Skills (a total of 13 credits)

- a. ENG W131 (3 credits)
- b. ENG W132 (3 credits)
- c. SPCH S121 (3 credits)
- d. MATH M125 (3 credits) or Math M118 (3 credits)
- e. CSCI C100 or equivalent (1 credit)

Note: Students may need additional math, English and reading course work dependent on placement test results.

Category II - *Interdisciplinary Core (a total of 3 credits)

Freshman Seminar COAS S104 (Required for students with less than 12 credits of transfer course work.)

Category III - *Natural Sciences (a total of 8 credits)

Select a minimum of 8 credits from two of the following groups. (These credits must include one laboratory experience):

- a. AST A100, PHYS P100, P201
- b. BIOL L100, L105, ANAT A215, PHSL P215, PLSC B203
- c. CHEM C100, C101/C121, C105/C125, C390
- d. GEOL G103, G104, GEOG G107, COAS E105

Category IV - *Social & Behavioral Sciences (a total of 9 credits)

Select a minimum of 9 credits from at least two of the following groups:

- a. HIST H105, H106, H113, H114, ANTH A103, A104
- b. SOC S100, S101, PSY P103, SPEA J101, COAS E104
- c. POLS Y103, Y107, Y109, ECON E201, E202, E200

Category V - *Humanities (a total of 9-11 credits)

Select 9 credits from at least two of the following groups:

- a. ENG L101, L102, W203, FOLK F101, AFRO A150, CLAS C205, CMLT C190, COAS E103
- b. FINA A101, A102, MUS M174, THTR T120, C130 or HUMA U103, SPCH C200, C205, S122, S205, S223, S229, S233, JOUR J200
- c. SPAN S111, S112 or FREN F111, F112 or GER G111, G112
- d. PHIL P100, P140, P150

TOTAL OF 42-44 CREDITS

*** Students must earn a C (2.0) or above in each course for the course to be applied to the degree.**