

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following describes the application process for prospective students. Admission to the Idaho State University (ISU) School of Nursing (SON) is competitive and meeting the application and admission criteria does not assure acceptance into the program. You **MUST** be admitted to Idaho State University before you can apply to the School of Nursing. **Please read all information in this Application Instructions packet carefully.**

The online application process must be completed and all documents submitted by 5:00pm on October 15, 2021 to be considered for Spring 2022 admission. After the review process, the School of Nursing will notify all applicants of admission decisions via email by early November 2021.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for application and consideration for acceptance to the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Nursing Completion Program for RNs:

1. Application/Acceptance to Idaho State University

- Applications are available on the ISU website at www.isu.edu/apply. The ISU application fee is \$50.00. Upon acceptance to ISU, a student identification number is assigned. This ID number is required on the SON application.
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted to ISU Office of Admissions as part of the university application process. Once admitted to ISU, official transcripts for additional transfer courses are processed by the ISU Office of the Registrar.
- Students usually complete the General Education Program prior to starting our nursing program. Please see <http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/> for more details on the general education courses, and contact the SON Academic Advisor for questions.

2. Enrollment in or Completion of Associate's Degree in Registered Nursing and Progression of School of Nursing Requisite Courses

- Applicants must be enrolled in or have completed an Associate's Degree in Registered Nursing (ADN) from a regionally accredited institution to apply, with enrollment or completion listed on the applicant's transcript **at the time the School of Nursing electronic application is submitted.**
 - Applicants currently attending a program or holding a degree from a nationally accredited institution may petition the School of Nursing for the degree to be accepted. Speak with the School of Nursing Advisor about your degree and the petition process.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher among the completed ADN courses combined with any completed requisite courses to be eligible for admission.
- Each ADN course and any requisite nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher and must be successfully completed prior to graduating from the BS Completion Program.

| Requisite Courses: | Credits |
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| BIOL 2229 or BIOL 3306 Intro to Pathobiology | 3 cr. |
| MATH 1153 Statistical Reasoning | 3 cr. |

- Some applicants may have completed School of Nursing requisite courses prior to applying to the program. Students may also take the requisite nursing courses during the program and must be incorporated into the Plan of Study.

3. Meeting with School of Nursing Advisor to determine eligibility

- a. Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to meet with a SON advisor **well in advance** of the application deadline. Application to the School of Nursing will not be considered without verification of meeting with the advisor.
- b. Applicants **MUST** meet with advisor in person or by phone for review of transcripts and assessment of application criteria.
 - i. **For ISU Students:** Applicants are requested to access their ISU Degree Works account to review their academic history in an in-person meeting. The applicant must provide unofficial transcripts for any courses not listed in their ISU Degree Works account. If Degree Works is inaccessible, applicants must bring unofficial transcripts to show requisite course completion or send copies of unofficial transcripts via email to the adviser prior to a phone meeting.
 - ii. **For applicants who have not been admitted to ISU yet:** Applicants can bring copies of all unofficial college transcripts to the in-person meeting with the adviser, or send copies of unofficial transcripts via email to the adviser prior to a phone meeting.
- c. Course petitions may be required to determine equivalency and transfer into ISU and/or the School of Nursing. Processing of petitions may take 6-8 weeks (see 8a for more details).
- d. After meeting and determining eligibility, the adviser will sign the Advising Certification Form on page 5 to verify the applicant's enrollment in or completion of ADN program, any completed requisite courses, and cumulative GPA among the completed ADN and requisite courses. The adviser will also sign the Individualized Plan of Study on page 6, documenting the anticipated degree plan for the student's nursing course work and develop a plan for any remaining graduation items.

4. Completion of the School of Nursing electronic application by 5:00 PM on October 15, 2021

- a. After meeting with the advisor and determining eligibility, eligible applicants will be given access to the electronic application and instructed on the process for electronic submission of required documents.
 - i. Application is available at <https://elearn.isu.edu/community/course/view.php?id=60>
 - ii. **Application Password: Bsnc2022!**
 - iii. Application and documents for the application process can be submitted through this site.
- b. Application Documents Include:
 - i. Advising Certification Form (Item 5 and Page 5)
 - ii. Applicant Information (Item 6)
 - iii. ISU Degree Works Print Out and/or Unofficial Transcripts (Item 7)
 - iv. Individualized Plan of Study (Item 8)
 - v. Approved School of Nursing Course Petitions (if applicable, see Item 9)
 - vi. \$50 application fee (Item 10)
- c. Application and all supporting documents must be submitted by **October 15, 2021** to be considered for acceptance to the School of Nursing.
- d. Please ensure that your name matches on your application, the application fee, and the background check documentation (see Admission Instructions). *If your name has changed, include any alternate names in your application.*

5. Submission of Advising Certification Form

- a. The Advising Certification Form must be the first document submitted electronically as a part of the SON application. *The applicant will not be able to access the remaining online application items until the Advising Certification Form has been submitted by the applicant and processed by School of Nursing staff.*

6. Applicant Information Page

- a. Above the Transcripts link, there is a link with little orange and white bullhorn next to it. Please click on this link and fill out the questionnaire. You will not be able to access this link through Grades.

- b. Applicant Information asks for contact information, emergency contact information, optional demographic information, and degree information. When completing the questionnaire, please note the following:
 - i. Physical Addresses: Your Permanent Address is your home address you provided to Idaho State University and where you could be contacted throughout the entire program. Your Current Address is where you live at the time of application/while attending Idaho State University only if it is different than the Permanent Address. The School of Nursing rarely sends information via postal mail but accuracy with your addresses is important, especially for clinical placements.
 - ii. Email Addresses: Unless you only have an ISU email address, please list an alternate email address so we have a way to reach you in case of emergencies.
- c. Applicants may be requested to re-do the questionnaire if critical information is deemed incorrect or missing.

7. Submission of ISU Degree Works Print Out and/or Unofficial Transcripts

- a. Unofficial copy of ISU Degree Works print out and/or unofficial transcripts with **completed and/or enrolled ADN courses and requisite courses visibly highlighted** must be submitted with the application to the School of Nursing.
 - i. Applicant must show original course numbers for all required courses. These will be listed in the ISU Degree Works account; if using unofficial transcripts, provide a transcript from each institution showing the original course number(s).
 - ii. Applicant must provide unofficial transcripts for any required courses not listed in their ISU Degree Works account.
- b. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all official transcripts of courses taken at other colleges or universities (either by classroom, correspondence, or online) are on file with the ISU Admissions Office and/or ISU Registrar's Office at the time of nursing application submission. Course grades for all completed requisite courses must be on the transcripts.

8. Submission of the Individual Plan of Study Form

- a. The Plan of Study Form (on page 6) must be completed with the SON Academic Advisor to document the anticipated degree plan for the student's nursing course work and develop a plan for any remaining graduation items (NURS 4400 Experiential Learning Equivalency portfolio, General Education requirements, upper division graduation requirement, and/or other items as needed).
- b. The Plan of Study should document:
 - i. Completed or remaining requisite courses: each course must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher,
 - ii. Minimum 2.0 admission GPA maintained in completed requisites and associate degree in nursing (ADN) courses,
 - iii. Completed or remaining ISU NURS courses, and
 - iv. Any additional courses needed to satisfy General Education requirements and/or baccalaureate graduation requirements

9. Submission of School of Nursing Course Petitions and/or University Undergraduate Petitions (if needed)

- a. Petitions may be required for the School of Nursing to consider a given transfer course(s). A course title that is different than the ISU course title specified, out-of-state credits that do not transfer in as equivalent to the given ISU course(s), and/or a combination of two or more courses that together cover the material for an ISU course could require completion of a petition.
 - i. **Nursing Petitions:** For applicants looking to submit a School of Nursing Course Petition Form for any nursing requisite(s), the student must submit the petition by **October 1, 2021**. The

nursing departmental petition process usually takes 2-3 weeks.

- ii. **Undergraduate Student Petition(s):** For applicants looking to submit an Undergraduate Student Petition form for any nursing requisite(s), the student is encouraged to submit the petition as soon as possible. Decisions can take 6-8 weeks.
- b. The petition process for nursing requisite courses must be completed and the approved petition decisions finalized and on file before the nursing application is submitted. Consult the SON Academic Advisor at (208)-373-1784 or sonadvis@isu.edu well in advance of applying to the program regarding transfer equivalency and the petition process.
- c. Applicants are required to submit documentation of all **APPROVED** School of Nursing petitions in the nursing application by the nursing application deadline of **October 15, 2021**.

10. Submission of the School of Nursing \$50 application fee

- a. Submission of a non-refundable SON application fee of \$50.00. The application web-site includes a link for online payment. E-mail confirmation of fee payment is provided.

11. Additional Information

- a. If accepted to the School of Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program for RNs, the student may be expected to travel 200 miles and spend the night as necessary for clinical experiences.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicant selection is based upon:

1. Enrollment in or Completion of an Associate's Degree in Registered Nursing Program
2. 2.0 GPA – the cumulative GPA among the completed ADN courses combined with any completed requisite courses.

ALTERNATE STATUS

An alternate admission list is implemented when more applicants meeting the admission criteria have applied than there are available positions. If space becomes available to accommodate additional eligible applicants, the alternate list will be activated. **Alternate status is recognized only for the Fall 2021 application for Spring 2022 admission.** Applicants who are not admitted for the Spring 2022 semester may reapply the next semester and will be reviewed for admission with the new group of applicants.

Applicant Name (please print): _____ Date met with Advisor: _____

ADVISING CERTIFICATION FORM

1. The applicant must schedule an appointment (in person or by phone) with a School of Nursing advisor before **5:00 PM on October 15, 2021**.
2. The application will not be processed if this form is incomplete.

Requisite Course Institution(s):

Associate Degree in Nursing Program

| Institution | Petition if needed | Credit Hours | # of ADN Courses | Graduation Date <small>Completed/Anticipated</small> |
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Requisite Courses (If Applicable)

| ISU Course | Institution & Course <small>If Non-ISU Credit</small> | Petition if needed | Credit Hours | Grade | Date Completed <small>Semester/Year Taken</small> |
|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|--|
| BIOL 2229 - OR - BIOL 3306 Pathobiology | | | | | |
| MATH 1153 Statistical Reasoning | | | | | |
| Cumulative Credits & GPA | Nursing Requisites & ADN Courses | | | | |

_____ Student has completed all necessary application requirements. **Application Enrollment Key: BsnC2022!**

_____ Student must complete the following application requirements:

I have met with a School of Nursing advisor to review my eligibility and discuss my application to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program for RNs. I understand that all application requirements must be submitted prior to the **October 15, 2021** application deadline.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Adviser Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Name (please print): _____

Individual Plan of Study

Student ID#: _____ Faculty Advisor: _____

Date Established: _____ Target Graduation Date: _____

| Required Requisite Courses | Credits | Planned Enrollment or Prior Completion Date |
|--|---------|---|
| BIOL 2229 or BIOL 3306 Introduction to Pathobiology | 3 cr. | |
| MATH 1153 Statistical Reasoning | 3 cr. | |

Admission GPA: 2.0 GPA in Requisites and Completed ADN courses maintained: Yes No

| Required Nursing Courses | Credits | Planned Enrollment or Prior Completion Date |
|--|---------|---|
| NURS 3105 Professional Nursing | 3 cr. | |
| NURS 3330 Evidence Based Nursing Practice | 3 cr. | |
| NURS 4180 Foundations of Health Informatics for Nurses | 2 cr. | |
| NURS 4200/4200C Population Health Nursing and Clinical | 5 cr. | |
| NURS 4220 Leadership and Management in Nursing <small>(must have RN License on file with SON prior to enrolling)</small> | 3 cr. | |

| Nursing Elective Courses | Credits | Planned Enrollment or Prior Completion Date |
|---|----------|---|
| NURS 4410 Role of the BS Prepared Nurse <small>(can be taken in place of NURS 3105)</small> | 2 cr. | |
| NURS 4400 Experiential Learning Equivalency <small>(must have approved plan on file with faculty advisor)</small> | 1-18 cr. | |
| NURS 4440 Nursing Synthesis | 1-2cr. | |
| NURS 4491 Independent Study <small>(must work with faculty advisor to create a plan)</small> | 1-6cr. | |

| Additional courses planned to meet ISU upper division and resident credit graduation requirements (if applicable) | Credits | Planned Enrollment or Prior Completion Date |
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Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Course Offerings for B.S. Nursing Completion Program for RNs

**** [Course offerings in a given semester are subject to change.](#) ****

NURS 3105 Professional Nursing (3 Credits) – Offered in Summer

Social, political, legal, technological and economic forces affecting health care are analyzed in the context of their impact on the professional nurse's scope and standards of practice, and opportunities provided to review culturally relevant, inter-professional, and verbal and digital communications specific to their impact on time-management/prioritization, delegation, confidentiality, and teaching and learning in Nursing.

NURS 3330 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (3 credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

An introduction to nursing research and evidence based practice with emphasis on the critical evaluation of existing nursing literature for application to nursing practice and on the relationship among research, evidence based practice, and professional nursing practice. PREREQ: MATH 1153, and acceptance into BS with a major in Nursing program.

NURS 4180 Foundations of Health Informatics for Nurses (2 credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

This course focuses on the use of health informatics principles with both consumers and health care professionals to transform data and information into knowledge and wisdom to assure the safe and effective use of health information and communication technologies that promote evidence-based, patient-centered health care. The course will highlight the nurses role using emerging informatics tools for practice, administration, research, education, quality improvement, and for rural and population health.

NURS 4200 Population Health Nursing Theory (3 credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

The course provides theoretical and evidence-based strategies to improve the health and quality of life for populations in geopolitical and phenomenological communities. An understanding of epidemiology, community assessment, health education, environmental health and health policy and legislation as it relates to the professional nurses role is established. COREQ: NURS 4200C.

NURS 4200C Population Health Nursing Clinical (2 credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

Application of the theoretical and evidence-based strategies to improve the health and quality of life for populations in geopolitical and phenomenological communities. COREQ: NURS 4200.

NURS 4220 Leadership and Management (3 credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

Evidence-based knowledge of leadership and management theories and concepts to prepare professional nurses to function across a variety of health care settings. Includes emphasis on nursing leadership accountability and influence in organizational structure, quality improvement, patient outcomes, role transition, and personal career development principles. PREREQ: NURS 4180 or NURS 3105.

NURS 4400 Experiential Learning Equivalency for BS Completion Students (1-30 credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

Completion of a portfolio to assess and verify experiential learning from opportunities offered through professional practice following licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN). No credit will be awarded for previous classwork leading to approval to take the registered nurse licensing exam or completed coursework also used to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

NURS 4491 Independent Study in Nursing (1-6 Credits)

Independent study in a specific area of nursing of special interest. PREREQ: Permission of the instructor.

NURS 4440 Professional Nursing Synthesis (1-2 Credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to integrate, improve, and evaluate their level of preparation for beginning practice as a graduate professional nurse and a future nurse leader. Through focused review of critical content, students will integrate the nursing competencies that are essential for high quality, evidence-based, safe practice of nursing.

NURS 4410 Role of the BS Prepared Nurse in Current Society (2 credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring, Summer

Synthesize knowledge to provide competent evidence-based care and facilitate the health of individuals, families, and society. Prepare to engage in baccalaureate nursing practice while respecting the uniqueness and complexity of care.

DHS 4426 Evidence Based Research in Health Sciences (3 Credits) – Offered in Fall, Spring

Study of the use of current research evidence in health care decision-making. Topics include critical analysis of health-related information, biostatistics, and application of evidence-based practice to health care. PREREQ: MATH 1153 with a C or better, or MGT 2216 with a C or better.

Additional Baccalaureate Graduation Requirements: Please see coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/degree/requirements/ for more details on the graduation requirements for the baccalaureate degree and coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/ for more details on the general education courses. I encourage students to complete the general education program and most of the additional credits needed (if applicable) prior to starting our program; please contact the SON Academic Advisor for questions or to discuss your plan of study.