



**SCHOOL OF NURSING
POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE - FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Applicants must apply to the Department of Advanced Practice Nursing through [NursingCAS](#): Applicants must also apply to the Indiana State University's [College of Graduate & Professional Studies](#) once the NursingCAS application is complete.

1. Earned master's degree with a major in nursing from a nationally accredited program of nursing
2. Successfully completed a graduate level advanced pathophysiology course (3 credit hours) within the past five years with a minimum grade of B
3. Successfully completed a graduate level pharmacology course (3 credit hours) within the past five years with a minimum grade of B. If older than five years, the student must retake this course. Some states require pharmacology within the past three years. It is the student's responsibility to check with their state to determine this time frame and repeat the course if necessary.
4. Extensive RN Experience is preferred but not required – Must have active RN experience within the last five years
5. GPA 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale in graduate studies
6. Current, unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the state of practice
7. Resume or CV
8. Three professional/academic recommendations (preferred at least one academic)
9. Personal statement of professional goals that describes the student's leadership and community service as a Registered Nurse and the ability to meet [program competencies](#): (<https://www.indstate.edu/health/msn-program-competencies>)
10. English as second language students must achieve the following TOEFL scores or greater: TOEFL – 550 (PBT), 79-80 (IBT), or 213 (CBT). The Department of Advanced Practice Nursing does not accept alternate English proficiency tests.
11. Meet all [health clearances](#) and [criminal background checks](#), as required by ISU and your state of practice
12. Telephone, video, or an in-person interview may be required as part of the admission process

*Admission offers may be rescinded based on their criminal background results.

*Applicants to the nursing programs are considered on a competitive basis. Criteria include intellectual capacity, performance, maturity, clarity of goals, and other qualities appropriate for graduate study. An individual or group interview may be requested or required. Additional materials may be requested for examination prior to admission. [Application Evaluation](#)

*Please see "[How to Apply](#)" for more details.

*Indiana State University distance programs may not be available in all states. Click [here](#) to see additional details.