



## Major/ Career Connections

Major Profile: **Nursing (SIA)**

*School of Nursing*

*Social Interest Cluster*

### Is Nursing for me?

Find out by answering the following questions. If you answer yes to most of them, read on to learn more. If not, try one of the other **Major Profiles** (<http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/mccs.asp>).

	No	Yes
Are you social, investigative or artistic (see <b>Interest Cluster</b> sheets)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you interested in caring for others both physically and emotionally?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you like the scientific process including critical thinking, collaboration and communication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you prefer to rapidly change tasks from one to another—multi-tasking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have fast and agile finger dexterity, strength and physical coordination?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### What is Nursing?

Nursing looks at the current trends in health care and focuses on the wellness/illness concepts and delivery of care in hospital and community based settings. While Nursing relies heavily upon the social abilities of the person giving care, it simultaneously requires a large base of scientific knowledge. It is a large occupational arena involving diverse and changing roles, including areas of specialty in surgery, maternity, pediatrics, emergency room, intensive care and more.

### What Courses Will I Take?

- Human Physiology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Finite Math
- Microbiology
- Communication for Health-Care Professionals
- Comprehensive Health Assessment
- Development Issues in Nursing
- Alterations in Health I & II
- The Developing Family and Child
- Restorative Health: Multi-System Failures
- Nursing Management
- Applied Health Care Ethics

### What are Some Related Majors?

- Art Therapy (SIA)
- Dental Hygienist (SAI)
- Family & Marriage Counseling (SAE)
- Religious Studies (SAE)
- Physician Assistant (ISA)
- Business Economics (IAS)
- Speech-Language Pathology (ISR)
- Psychology (ISE)
- Economics (ISE)
- English Composition (ASE)
- Fine Arts (AES)
- Interior Design (AES)
- Biology Teacher Education (SIA)

### What Skills Will I Develop?

Nursing majors will acquire skills in management, decision-making, mediation, teaching, counseling, speaking and writing. They will learn how to handle emergencies and health issues related to age, cultures, religions, ethics, and government policies. Through the curriculum's clinicals, students will also acquire technical/medical skills such as psychomotor skills, therapeutic communication techniques, cardiac, respiratory and hematological alterations, as well as health modifications related to nutrition, elimination and metabolic processes (IUPUI's School of Nursing).

## Where Could I Work?

A nursing degree is versatile as Nurses can care for patients in rehabilitations centers, homes, clinics and hospitals (emergency, critical care, surgical and maternity units). Additionally they work for pharmaceutical, insurance and healthcare companies (planning, developing, marketing and quality assurance departments). They can also be employed in schools, the military and governmental agencies (IU School of Nursing Brochure). Eighty two percent of nursing graduates are employed as registered nurses, pharmacists, therapists and physician assistants (The College Majors Handbook, 1999).

## What Job Opportunities Exist?

<u>Staff Nursing</u>	<u>Community Agencies</u>	<u>Independent Practice</u>	
Medical/Surgical Specialties	Home HealthCare	Practitioner	Teaching
Pediatrics	Public/Community Health	Clinician	Counseling
Emergency/Operating Room	Rural Nursing	Anesthetist	Admissions/Recruitment
Critical Care	Occupational Health	Midwife	International Health
Labor/Delivery/Newborn Units	Long-Term Care Agencies	Private Duty	Quality Assurance
			Communications Specialist

## Employment Outlook

The Bureau of Labor Statistics states that employment for registered nurses (RN's) is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2016. Several factors contribute to this expected growth including technological advances in patient care and an increasing emphasis in preventative care (Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09).

## Salary Expectations

According to a survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers starting salaries for nursing majors was \$46,655. Median annual earnings for nurses were \$57,280 (OOH, 2008-09)

## What Graduate/Professional School Opportunities Exist?

Of all the people who earn undergraduate degrees in Nursing, only 23% go on to earn an advanced degree; the Master's degree is the most common option as just 2% go on to earn a PhD (The College Majors Handbook, 1999). According to the Indiana School of Nursing, the demand for nurses with advanced degrees will continue to increase. Generally, nursing students will pick one of the following areas for graduate studies.

- Nursing Administration
- Business Administration
- Physical Therapy
- Nurse Practitioner
- Law
- Occupational Therapy

## Where Can I Get More Information?

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Indiana University School of Nursing Nursing Program	<a href="http://www.nursing.iupui.edu">http://www.nursing.iupui.edu</a> Phone: (317) 278-2806
Academic Advising at IUPUI	<a href="http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/index.asp">http://uc.iupui.edu/students/academics/index.asp</a>
Career Counseling at IUPUI	<a href="http://uc.iupui.edu/students/career/index.asp">http://uc.iupui.edu/students/career/index.asp</a>
Nursing 2000	<a href="http://www.nursing2000inc.org/">http://www.nursing2000inc.org/</a>
Discovering More About Nursing	<a href="http://www.discovernursing.com/">http://www.discovernursing.com/</a>
Nursing Source	<a href="http://www.nursesource.org/career_info.html">http://www.nursesource.org/career_info.html</a>