### Academic and Professional Certificate Comparison Chart

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<th>Outcome for Student</th>
<th>Academic Certificate</th>
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<td>Academic credits on academic transcript (3 credits per course unless otherwise noted)</td>
<td>ANCC accredited continuing nursing education contact hours (45 contact hours per course unless otherwise noted)</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Indiana University Tuition and Fees, based on number of credit hours and residency status</td>
<td>$800 per course</td>
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| Course Expectations | Same course expectations regardless of type of certificate  
PLEASE NOTE: Each course is a 3 credit hour graduate level course, with corresponding workload expectations. Students should expect to spend at least 3-6 hours per week on coursework for the 15 week semester. | |
| Passing Grade      | Same passing grade (B- or higher) regardless of type of certificate | |

### Typical students
- **Academic Certificate**
  - Individuals who would like to use the course toward academic requirements for ANCC certification eligibility
  - Individuals who would like academic credits to use toward a graduate degree now or in the future*
  - Individuals whose employer provides tuition reimbursement but not reimbursement for continuing education fees

- **Professional Certificate**
  - Individuals who would like extensive content but are not interested in or do not need academic credits for any reason (eg those who do not plan to pursue future degrees)
  - Individuals seeking to keep costs down
  - Individuals who need to fulfill the continuing education requirements for certification eligibility

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*Note: all students wishing to apply or transfer academic credits must explore transfer possibilities on their own. Transfer of academic credits to other graduate programs is not guaranteed. Transfers may incur additional fees for students. Academic students should consult with academic advisors at IU and/or other institutions prior to registration.

### Application of Coursework to Certification Eligibility or Renewal

Before registering for any course, applicants interested in certification in informatics or nursing education are responsible for ensuring that coursework content and type of credit is appropriate for their own personal certification process. The IU School of Nursing does not guarantee that courses or content will meet certification body criteria for eligibility or renewal. Applicants are expected to communicate with certification body prior to registration to ensure that the coursework will meet the needs of students and certification bodies. The information below may change based upon certification body regulations and changes, and is intended for general guidance purposes only.

#### Specialty Area

- **Informatics Certificate:**
  - For those taking the Nursing Informatics Certificate, courses may fulfill some of the academic coursework requirements listed on ANCC website.

- **Teaching in Nursing Certificate:**
  - NLN Certified Nurse Educator Eligibility Criteria: See [http://www.nln.org/professional-development-programs/Certification-for-Nurse-Educators/eligibility](http://www.nln.org/professional-development-programs/Certification-for-Nurse-Educators/eligibility)
  - For those taking the Teaching in Nursing Certificate, courses may fulfill the continuing education in nursing informatics requirement listed on the website.
  - For those taking the Teaching in Nursing Certificate, courses do not fulfill eligibility criteria, but can be applied toward certification renewal.
  - See [http://www.nln.org/professional-development-programs/Certification-for-Nurse-Educators/recertification/information-for-meeting-requirements](http://www.nln.org/professional-development-programs/Certification-for-Nurse-Educators/recertification/information-for-meeting-requirements)