INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

MSN
Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

42 Credit Hours / 525 Clinical Hours

MSN Program Ranked #1 in Indiana and #28 in the Nation by U.S. News & World Report

National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education

Next Admission Term: Fall 2019
Application Deadline: January 15, 2019

Call 317-274-2806 or email nursing@iupui.edu to set up an advising appointment

Become a clinical leader and change agent | CNSs are APRNs who help improve patient care, safety, and outcomes through the implementation of evidence-based best practices, training and mentoring, and leadership.

A degree that will take you far | IU has prepared leaders in the field of nursing since 1914; an IU School of Nursing degree is highly respected in the healthcare community and opens doors to meaningful career opportunities.

Learn from leaders in the field | Classes taught by nationally recognized faculty with years of clinical and teaching experience who are active in their respective professional organizations and scholars who write the textbooks used by other nursing programs.

Convenience and rigor | Courses provide the flexibility of distance learning while still allowing you to connect with faculty and classmates in real time. Clinical experiences are completed in your home community in Indiana.

Preparation for what comes next | AGCNS graduates are eligible for national board certification and prescriptive authority from the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.
Adult-Gerontology CNS
Program Features

Program Format
- Courses follow a traditional semester format – 15 weeks in fall and spring, 12 weeks in summer
- MSN Core Courses are taught online, asynchronously (exception: 5 lab days in Y625 Advanced Physical Assessment)
- AGCNS Courses include hybrid and distance-accessible courses (see course information on the next page for more details)
- Students arrange their own clinical experiences (with support from IUSON) in their home community within Indiana*

On-Campus Attendance Requirements
- MSN Orientation and Professional Day (held the week before classes begin)
- Approximately five on-site lab days in the Advanced Physical Assessment course
- Approximately one to two on-campus class days in the Advanced Gerontology course
- MSN Professional Practice Day (held in final spring semester)

Tuition and Fees (2018-2019)**
- In-state: $550 per credit hour / approximately $23,100 for 42 credit hour program
- Out-of-state: $1,507.50 per credit hour / approximately $63,315 for 42 credit hour program
- Residents of Midwest Exchange Program states (IL, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, WI): $825 per credit hour/ approximately $35,650 for 42 credit hour program
- General University fees and clinical fees: Approximately $4,500 total for 42 credit hour program
- More detailed information can be found at https://studentcentral.iupui.edu

Scholarships and Financial Aid
- IUSON awards over $700,000 in scholarships annually to undergraduate and graduate students. Students are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible via a single application
- Research and teaching assistantships are offered each semester that allow selected students to gain valuable experience and earn a tuition waiver for one course in exchange for 6-8 hours per week of work
- Graduate students enrolled in at least four credit hours per semester are eligible for federal direct student loans (up to $20,500 annually)
- Many employers offer a tuition benefit—check with your Human Resources department

*Clinical hours must be completed in Indiana.
**All amounts shown are for the 2018-2019 academic year. Tuition and fees are set annually by the University.

CNS Track Coordinator
Amy Shay, PhD, APRN-CNS
Clinical Assistant Professor
20 Years of Critical Care Clinical Experience
9 Years of Teaching Experience
# Adult-Gerontology CNS

## Curriculum and Plan of Study

### MSN Core Courses
22 Credit Hours

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**O** = Online: 100% online, asynchronous (complete on your own schedule, but not self-paced)

**H** = Hybrid: Online with a few required on-campus class sessions

**D** = Distance Accessible: Regular live, synchronous class sessions that can be attended either on-campus or via videoconferencing technology (campus optional)

*On-campus and synchronous class session schedules are posted 2+ months in advance*

### Clinical Nurse Specialist Courses
20 Credit Hours

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Master of Science in Nursing
Admissions

Admission Criteria
- A BSN degree from a CNEA, CCNE, or ACEN accredited program
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- A current, unencumbered RN license issued by any of the 50 U.S. states (Note that an Indiana RN license will be required for clinicals)
- Knowledge, skills, and abilities to use a computer and other technologies to communicate
- GRE is not required

Prerequisite
- Completion of an undergraduate statistics course of any level from a four-year university with a grade of B- (80%) or better. (Applicants may be admitted without having met this prerequisite, but it must be met before enrolling in the MSN program.)

Application Materials
- Electronic IUPUI graduate application
- Contact information for three professional references
- Supplemental questionnaire
- Responses to five short essay questions
- A detailed resume
- Proof of your RN license
- Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended outside of the IU System

Admission Timeline
- Admission is offered one time per year, for the fall semester
- To guarantee consideration of your application for the fall cohort, you must submit a complete application by the priority application deadline of January 15, 2019
- Admissions decisions are sent out in mid-March for applicants who apply by the priority application deadline
- Applications received after the priority application deadline will be considered as space in each track allows—please see our website for which tracks are still accepting applications

Contacts
- For questions about the admission process, please contact MSN Advisor Colleen Cleary at collclea@iu.edu
- For questions about your application submission, please contact Admissions Coordinator Saundra Black at skblack@iu.edu

Detailed application instructions and a link to the application are available on our website: nursing.iupui.edu/graduate/apply

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