



Accelerated Programs: The Fast-Track to Careers in Nursing for Individuals with Prior College Degrees

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing reports:

- ▶ Nursing schools nationwide are exploring creative ways to increase student capacity by reaching out to new student populations
- ▶ The intent is to quickly produce competent nurses while maintaining the integrity and quality of nursing education
- ▶ Offered at both the baccalaureate and master's degree levels, the programs build on previous learning experiences and transition individuals with undergraduate degrees in another discipline into Nursing
- ▶ The economy, the desire by many individuals to make a post-September 11 difference, and the national media attention of the nursing shortage has increased interest in the nursing profession

Accelerated Baccalaureate Programs in Indiana for Individuals with Prior College Degree:

- ▶ Ball State University, www.bsu.edu
- ▶ Indiana University, Indianapolis, www.iupui.edu
- ▶ Indiana University, Northwest, www.iun.edu
- ▶ Indiana University, South Bend, www.iusb.edu
- ▶ Indiana Wesleyan University, www.indwes.edu
- ▶ Marian University, www.marian.edu
- ▶ Purdue University, West Lafayette, www.nursing.purdue.edu
- ▶ Purdue University, Calumet, www.calumet.purdue.edu
- ▶ St. Elizabeth & Saint Joseph's College Consortium Program
www.steson.org
- ▶ Saint Mary's College, www.saintmarys.edu
- ▶ University of Indianapolis, www.uindy.edu
- ▶ University of Southern Indiana, www.usi.edu
- ▶ Valparaiso University, www.valpo.edu

Message for potential candidates:

- Nursing values the life-experience
- Nursing values the unique education track
- Nursing values your choice
- Employers value the skill and education brought to the workplace

Number of Programs Nationally Currently Available:

- ▶ 217 accelerated baccalaureate programs
- ▶ 57 generic master's degree programs

Programs nationally:

Visit

www.aacn.nche.edu/education/pdf/aplist.pdf for a list of accelerated BSN & MSN programs

Length of Programs for Individuals with Prior Degrees

- ▶ Undergraduate degree – typically 11-18 months long
- ▶ Generic master's degree – usually 36 months long