

FAQ about CODO'ing into Nursing

1. **Is there a deadline for applying?** Applications are reviewed in May for admission for the next fall semester. Applications are to be submitted by 5pm on the Friday of Finals week in the Spring semester for review. Applicants will be notified by June 1st regarding their admission status.
2. **How long will it take me to complete the nursing program?** A student who is admitted into Nursing will begin as a freshman in the nursing program and is projected to complete the program in 8 semesters. Depending upon space availability and completion of necessary prerequisites, some CODO students may be admitted as sophomores and complete the program in 6 semesters.
3. **What are the prerequisite courses to the sophomore level nursing courses?** To be eligible for admission into the sophomore clinical courses you must have completed BIOL 20300/20400, CHM 11100/11200, ENGL 10600 or 10800, PSY 12000 and HDFS 21000 or their equivalents. It is also highly suggested that you have completed the Guided Statistics requirement and the Guided Sociology requirement. These may be taken with the sophomore level course but it will require very heavy credit loads with the sophomore clinicals.
4. **How do I know which electives to take?** There is a handout which is available in the Student Services Office, JNSN 109. Ask for "Guidelines for Selecting Courses."
5. **Which non-NUR courses am I allowed to take even though I am not in the nursing program?** You may take any of the non-NUR courses required providing you have met the necessary pre-requisites for a course.
6. **Are there any other schools which have programs preparing someone to become an RN?** There are many other nursing programs available to you. You can search for programs on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) website at www.aacn.nche.edu. Be aware that there are 2 yr., 3 yr. and 4 yr. programs which all prepare someone to take the NCLEX exams to be certified as an RN. The program at Purdue, West Lafayette campus, is a 4 yr. program preparing someone to enter nursing at a professional level with a BSN degree. 2 and 3 year programs prepare someone to enter nursing at a technical level.
7. **What do I do if I have all or most of the non-NUR classes done but have to wait to be admitted to the program?** There is no guarantee of admission regardless of how many credits you have completed. If you choose to apply to the BSN program here, it is suggested that you have a "Plan B" in order to be working towards a goal while you await admission to the program. If you are admitted and only have the NUR courses to take, you may carry a lighter load or you

may take other courses towards a minor. It is your choice as to what you take if you have satisfied all the nursing curriculum requirements.

8. **What has been the usual competition for admission to the nursing program as a CODO student?** We normally receive 50-60 applications for 25 spaces at the freshman level and typically about 5 – 10 spaces at the sophomore level. To be competitive, applicants should exceed the minimum requirements with probably an A- GPA and A grades in the science courses. Final decisions are based on the quality of the pool of applications received and space availability.
9. **Whom can I speak with if I have further questions?** We ask that you first attend a CODO Informational Meeting where most questions can be answered. For information on how to sign up for a meeting go to: www.purdue.edu/hhs/major-change If you have attended a meeting, then you may call for an appointment to meet with one of our advisors. Our office number is (765) 494-4042.
10. **Why do you admit so few when there is a demand for nurses?** We are limited by the size of our faculty as well as our clinical facilities. Nursing education is an expensive program. Our clinical labs are generally limited to 8 students per lab. We compete for clinical spaces with other nursing programs in the area and we are at the limit.
11. **How does Purdue's program rank against other nursing programs?** We are proud of the accomplishments of our graduates. They have consistently passed the NCLEX at a high percentage rate—well above the national average and usually the best in Indiana. Our graduates have been highly recruited.