



Indiana State University

LPN/LVN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The only online LPN/LVN to BS in Nursing program in the country!

As an LPN or LVN, you're prepared to take the next step toward optimizing your nursing career by becoming a registered nurse. As industry demand for bachelor's degree RNs continues to climb, there has never been a more opportune time to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Indiana State University, in partnership with The College Network[®], offers the only online LPN/LVN to BS in nursing program in the country, allowing nurses to earn their BS degree from the comfort of home.*

The Changing Job Market

As job growth in the nursing sector flourishes, your qualification as a bachelor's degree RN will open the door to a proven number of future job opportunities. In today's economic conditions, nursing remains the single most secure occupation, ranking #1 for job growth and employment status on *U.S. News & World Report's* "25 Best Jobs of 2012."¹

In order to serve the aging population, job opportunities in nursing are expected to grow 26% by 2020.² And despite the 2.7 million nurses on the job today, healthcare researchers predict a national shortage of up to 1,000,000 nurses by 2020–2025.³

A Call for More BSNs

In response to the growing demand for nurses, industry standards for nursing credential requirements are in the midst of a historic change. According to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), 80% of registered nurses in the United States will need to hold a bachelor's degree or higher by the year 2020 in order to meet national demand. In order to adjust to the changing needs of the patient population, the IOM report suggests that all nurses will be required to achieve higher levels of education and practice to the full extent of their training.⁴

By pursuing your Bachelor of Science degree in nursing today, you can secure your position as a qualified candidate and prepare yourself for future changes in the healthcare job market.

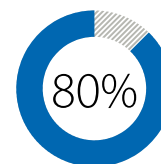
*Not accepted in all states.



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The current employment rate for recent nursing graduates with previous field experience⁵



The percentage of registered nurses in the United States that will need to hold a bachelor's degree or higher by the year 2020⁴



Why Indiana State University?

Indiana State University has been recognized by *The Princeton Review*, *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes* as one of the best colleges in the Midwest. Home to one of the nation's premiere online nursing programs, Indiana State University's College of Nursing, Health and Human Services is a member of the National League for Nursing (NLN). Indiana State University highlights include:

- **Accreditation:** National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)
- **Reputation:** Ranked a top school by *Princeton Review*⁶ and *Forbes*⁷
- **Faculty:** Accessible and personable staff of experts
- **Flexibility:** Credit transfer policy for adult learners

Online Bachelor of Science Degree

Indiana State University, in partnership with The College Network®, offers a Bachelor of Science in nursing program for LPNs/LVNs interested in advancing their knowledge and career potential.

The goal of the program is to provide the highest level of nursing education possible for those seeking to complete their baccalaureate degrees in nursing and become eligible to apply to take the RN licensure examination (NCLEX-RN).

How The College Network's Program Works

The College Network's online program enables you to continue your education and earn college credit from the comfort of home. Satisfy your general education and elective requirements using The College Network's online program and exams, then transfer to Indiana State University to complete the rest of your degree.

Most of your general education and elective requirements may be fulfilled using The College Network's online program and exams. In some situations, you may be required to take a DSST®, Excelsior College®, or CLEP® exam for certain courses.

To learn more about this program, call us at **1-877-256-5327** or [click here](#) to request more information

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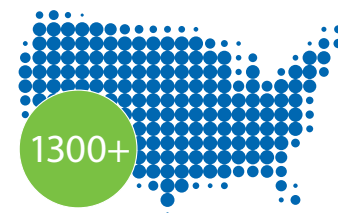
Named a "Best College in the Midwest" (*Princeton Review*, 2013)



Top 10 Online Bachelor of Nursing Degree Programs (*TheBestColleges.org*, 2012)



Named one of "America's Top Colleges" (*Forbes*, 2012)



The number of clinical placements nationwide