

COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, June 11, 2010

DECISION ITEM A-2: **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion) To Be Offered by Indiana University-Statewide via Distance Education at all of Its Campuses**

Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion) to be offered by Indiana University-Statewide via Distance Education at all of its campuses, in accordance with the background discussion in this agenda item and the *Abstract*, May 28, 2010; and

That the Commission recommend no new state funds, in accordance with the supporting document, *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary*, May 28, 2010

Background

Indiana University offers B.S. in Nursing (Completion) programs – baccalaureate degrees designed for students who are already are Registered Nurses, as opposed to B.S.N. (Generic) programs, which are for students with no professional nursing background – at all of its campuses. In FY2009, these B.S.N. (Completion) programs enrolled a total of 1,108 students (headcount) and graduated 102.

The current program request is for all campuses to collaborate in the offering of a statewide distance education degree and for each campus to enroll and graduate students through this collaborative effort (see attached tables for campus-level detail). This is the first time the Indiana University system has collaborated systemwide in offering a degree program through distance education in this manner. Ivy Tech Community College offers distance education degrees in a similar way.

Although the nursing program on each IU campus is individually accredited, the nursing component of the distance education B.S.N. (Completion) curriculum – the nursing and prerequisite courses – will be exactly the same. However, the general education component of the B.S.N. (Completion) will differ by campus, which reflects the fact that each IU campus has its own

general education requirements, although in many cases, especially among the regional campuses, the differences in the requirements are not substantial.

Tuition and fees for the distance education program will be exactly the same as the on-campus program, which will be true for both Indiana residents and non-residents. However, the fees will differ by campus (see attached table for campus-level detail). Fees per credit hour for Indiana residents pursuing the degree through IU Bloomington and IUPUI are at the high end: \$355.25 and \$320.46, respectively. Indiana resident fees for the regional campuses are approximately \$100 lower and vary slightly – from a low of \$226.60 (IU East) to \$233.74 (IU South Bend) or \$244.65, if the Columbus center is included.

Supporting Documents

(1) *Abstract - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion) to be offered by Indiana University-Statewide via Distance Education at all of its campuses, May 28, 2010*

(2) *New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary – B.S. in Nursing (Completion), May 28, 2010*

RN to BSN Completion Program - New Academic Degree Program Proposal Summary

FTE

	Campus	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Enrollment Projections Full-Time (headcount)	Northwest	4	5	7	10	12
	Southeast	3	4	5	6	6
	IUPUI	22	23	24	25	26
	Bloomington	0	0	0	0	0
	Columbus	2	3	5	6	8
	Kokomo	3	4	5	6	7
	East	5	6	7	8	9
	South Bend	7	10	12	15	15
Total		46	55	65	76	83

Enrollment Projections Part-Time (headcount)	Northwest	2	9	3	5	15
	Southeast	7	7	7	7	8
	IUPUI	32	33	34	35	36
	Bloomington	15	17	18	19	20
	Columbus	8	9	10	12	15
	Kokomo	5	6	6	6	7
	East	5	6	7	8	9
	South Bend	3	3	3	5	5
Total		77	90	88	97	115

Headcount Totals (FT)		46	55	65	76	83
Headcount Totals (PT)		77	90	88	97	115
Total		123	145	153	173	198

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HEADCOUNT

	Campus	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Enrollment Projections Full-Time (FTE)	Northwest	5	6	8	12	14
	Southeast	3	5	6	7	7
	IUPUI	792	828	864	900	936
	Bloomington					
	Columbus	2	4	6	7	10
	Kokomo	4	7	8	9	11
	East	5	6	7	8	9
	South Bend	7	10	12	15	15
Total		819	865	911	958	1,001
Enrollment Projections Part-Time (FTE)	Northwest	1	5	2	3	9
	Southeast	4	4	4	4	5
	IUPUI	576	594	612	630	648
	Bloomington	9	10	11	11	12
	Columbus	5	5	6	7	9
	Kokomo	1	1	1	3	4
	East	3	3	4	4	5
	South Bend	1	1	1	2	2
Total		599	624	640	664	692
FTE Totals (FT)		819	865	911	958	1,001
FTE Totals (PT)		599	624	640	664	692
Total		1,418	1,489	1,551	1,622	1,693

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DEGREE COMPLETION

	Campus	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Degree Completion Projection	Northwest		4	7	16	13
	Southeast					
	IUPUI	27	28	29	30	31
	Bloomington		15	17	18	19
	Columbus	0	2	11	14	20
	Kokomo		3	4	5	7
	East		5	8	10	12
	South Bend	10	13	15	20	20
Total		37	70	91	113	122

FUNDS REQUESTED - ALL CAMPUSES

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
New State Funds Requested (Actual)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New State Funds Requested (Increases)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New State Funds to be Considered for Recommendation (Actual)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
New State Funds to be Considered for Recommendation (Increases)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

CHE Code: 10-17

Campus Code: 1809 (IUB), 1811 (IUE), 1813 (IUPUI & IUPUC), 1814 (IUK), 1815 (IUNW), 1816 (IUSB), 1817 (IUS)

County Code: Monroe, Wayne, Marion, Bartholomew, Howard, Lake, St. Joseph, Floyd

Degree Level: 05

Fee Rates* per Semester Credit Hour
Indiana University Statewide B.S. in Nursing (Completion) via Distance Education

Campus	Indiana Residents		Non-Residents	
	On-Campus	Distance Education	On-Campus	Distance Education
Bloomington	\$ 355.25	\$ 355.35	\$ 927.18	\$ 927.18
East	\$ 226.60	\$ 226.60	\$ 531.95	\$ 531.95
Kokomo	\$ 227.76	\$ 227.76	\$ 514.05	\$ 514.05
Northwest	\$ 230.54	\$ 230.54	\$ 534.21	\$ 534.21
South Bend	\$ 233.74	\$ 233.74	\$ 553.07	\$ 553.07
Southeast	\$ 229.56	\$ 229.56	\$ 515.76	\$ 515.76
IUPUI	\$ 320.46	\$ 320.46	\$ 818.04	\$ 818.04
IUPUI - Columbus	\$ 244.65	\$ 244.65	\$ 742.23	\$ 742.23

* Includes tuition and all mandatory fees.