

USI BOARD APPROVES OFFERING  
BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN NURSING  
FOR JASPER, VINCENNES



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The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees approved a baccalaureate degree program for registered nurses that will be offered in Vincennes and Jasper in cooperation with Vincennes University. Approval was given at the trustees' meeting May 11 in Evansville.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, dean, USI School of Nursing and Health Professions, said, "Residents of Vincennes and Jasper had indicated interest for a baccalaureate nursing program to complement the two-year program offered at Vincennes University.

"The increasing complexity of health care and the expanded role of the nurse are major factors in the increasing need for baccalaureate-prepared nurses", according to Dr. Coudret. "Registered nurses from hospitals, nursing homes, and home health care have expressed a long term need for on-site access to a baccalaureate nursing program in the Dubois-Knox area.

The program will be submitted to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education for approval. Courses would be offered during evening hours and weekends to accommodate the schedules of RN students who typically are employed full-time. Courses would be available through the Vincennes University campuses by Fall 1991 if state approval and funding are given.

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