

SCHOOL NURSE

CERTIFICATION
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The school nurse certification program at Slippery Rock University is designed for Registered Nurses who have earned a BS or BA degree (in any field) and are seeking certification as a school nurse. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Level I Certification. Some other states may accept the PA certificate as a basis to grant their own state certificate. The program includes a 100-hour practicum with a Certified School Nurse in the last Nursing course (NURS 623).

Note: As of January 2011, based upon Chapter 49 legislation by the PA Department of Education, the total credits in the program are now 21 graduate-level credits. This accommodates the increase in credits in Special Education and English as a Second Language now mandated by the PA Department of Education.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our School Nurse Certification program offers:

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule; courses are taught online
- A 21-credit program that can be completed in as few as four semesters by taking 6-credits per semester or at a slower rate by taking 3-credits per semester until the last nursing course is completed
- A practicum can be completed at a school district of your choice within Pennsylvania (guidelines apply). *If you are employed full-time for a school district, you must arrange your practicum in a different district, unless hired under an emergency permit.*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. A completed BS or BA degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited college or university
2. A copy of current, unencumbered licensure as a RN in Pennsylvania
3. Transcripts from all undergraduate and prior graduate coursework indicating an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

Before registering for NURS 623 Nursing Practice with School Populations-PR, which contains the 100 hours of preceptor experience, the student must show proof of:

1. Current CPR Certification
2. Act 34 Clearance - PA State Police Criminal Record Check
3. Act 151 Clearance - PA Child Abuse History
4. Act 114 Clearance - FBI Background Check
5. Act 31 - Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse Training
6. Proof of personal professional malpractice insurance

Note: Fingerprinting must be completed through the Department of Education, or the Department of Public Welfare.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

This program meets the requirements for certification in Pennsylvania. As regulations vary by state, please check with the licensing board in your state.

TUITION

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

DELIVERY METHOD
100% Online

START TERMS
Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer

COMPLETION TIME
Complete in as little as four semesters

NUMBER OF CREDITS
21 credits



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University

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EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

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CURRICULUM GUIDE

Required Courses

NURS 603	Essentials in Professional School Nursing	3
NURS 622	Nursing Practice for School Populations	3
NURS 623	Nursing Practice for School Populations PR	3
SPED 530	Nursing Issues in Special Education	3
SPED 625	Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems	3
SPED 628	Developmental Disabilities	3
SEFE 607	The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners	3
Total Hours		21

IMPORTANT CURRICULUM GUIDE NOTES

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.

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The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.