

# SCHOOL NURSE

CERTIFICATION  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

It takes a special skill set to work as a nurse in a school environment. With the school nurse certification program at Slippery Rock University, you can have a positive impact on the lives of students for years to come. This program is designed for those who have earned a BSN degree and are seeking certification as a school nurse. The program prepares RNs with a BSN 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 courses (NURS 622/623).

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

Slippery Rock University's School Nurse Certification program prepares BSN graduates to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for Level I Certification.

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 a non-refundable application fee:

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

## PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

Before registering for N623 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.



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## PROGRAM AWARD



**CURRICULUM (21 CREDITS)**

You may begin the program in the Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer terms.

**REQUIRED NURSING COURSES:**

- NURS 603:** Essentials of Professional School Nursing
- NURS 622:** Nursing Practice for School Populations
- NURS 623:** Nursing Practice for School Populations - Practicum

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES:**

- SPED 530:** Nursing Issues in Special Education
- SPED 625:** Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems
- SPED 628:** Developmental Disabilities
- SEFE 607:** The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners  
(Must be taken prior to NURS 622/623)

**SAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULE\***

FALL TERM START	
FALL (6 credits)	SPRING (6 credits)
NURS 603: Essentials of Professional School Nursing	NURS 622: Nursing Practice for School Populations
SPED 625: Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems	NURS 623: Nursing Practice for School Populations Practicum
WINTER (6 credits)	SUMMER (3 credits)
SPED 530: Nursing Issues in Special Education	SPED 628: Developmental Disabilities
SEFE 607: The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners	

\*Course availability may vary

**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](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:**

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