

# HOME AND SCHOOL VISITOR POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Home and School Visitor is recognized and required by school districts. The School of Social Work at Millersville University is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to offer the Home School Visitor Certification. The Home and School Visitor certification is designed to provide students with the required knowledge and skills to work collaboratively with interdisciplinary client systems to meet the needs of K12 students to foster academic success.

Upon completion of the required coursework, the Certification Office at Millersville University will assist eligible candidates with the Pennsylvania certification process and provide recommendations for Home and School visitor certification.

## Admissions

Prospective students seeking the HSV Certification may start at any time. Student must first submit a formal application to the Office of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning at [www.millersville.edu/admissions/graduate/admissions/apply/post-baccalaureate-certification.php](http://www.millersville.edu/admissions/graduate/admissions/apply/post-baccalaureate-certification.php)

The HSV Certification program requires field placement/practicum experiences in a school setting. As the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires current clearances before starting field experience, students must also apply for three clearances: Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, Criminal Records Check (FBI Fingerprint background check), and Federal Criminal History Record Information (CHRI).

## FLEXIBLE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Applicants can earn their HSV Certification while enrolled in the MSW program, part or full time. Applicants who hold an MSW are able to apply to have prior credits counted toward the HSV Certification. Non-MSW applicants are able to apply to earn HSV Certification

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## Home and School Visitor Certificate

Code	Title	Hours
If you have courses at the bottom of your audit under 'Other Electives' or 'Not Counted Toward Degree', they may be excluded due to the date of your admission to the HSV program. To have these courses evaluated for inclusion in your program You will need to work with the Social Work admissions committee to determine your eligible exemptions per your prior coursework.		
SOWK 606	School Social Work	3
SOWK 611	Children and Youth At-Risk	3
Advanced Field Practicum I (in a school setting) - Choose 3 hours from:		3
SOWK 630	Advanced Field Practicum 1	
Advanced Field Practicum II (in a school setting) - Choose 3 hours from:		3
SOWK 631	Advanced Field Practicum 2	
SPED 600	Introduction to Exceptional Education	3

EDLD 620	School Law and Public Policy	3
Diagnostic and Assessment Strategies for Students with Disabilities		3
SPED 680		
Second Language Acquisition: Theory, Programs and Assessment or Assessment, Policies, and Practices in Teaching English Language Learners - Choose 1 of the following:		3
EDUC 561	Second Language Acquisition: Theory, Programs & Assessment	
EDUC 564	Assessment, Policies & Practice in Teaching of English Language Learners	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>