

NURSING, M.S.N. - SCHOOL NURSING

The School Nurse Program is designed for the student who desires a PA Department of Education K-12 School Nurse Certification. This program is offered as a stand-alone post-baccalaureate School Nurse Certification or as part of the MSN-School Nurse curriculum. In order to achieve certification, students progress through courses that incorporate online instruction and experiential learning activities in a public school setting. All course content and time offerings are designed to meet the needs of the student as well as Pennsylvania standards for School Nurse Certification. For students who do not reside in Pennsylvania, it is possible to complete the MSN in school nursing degree, but only students completing the 100 practicum hours in a Pennsylvania K-12 school district will be eligible for the PDE PK-12 certification.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Master of Science in Nursing in School Nursing program are referred to the *Admission Requirements* section for general criteria and guidelines for admission to the University.

Specific criteria required by the Wehrheim School of Nursing include:

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited (ACEN, CNEA, or CCNE) school of nursing.
2. Undergraduate grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. When GPA is below this, probational acceptance may be considered if the candidate demonstrates graduate study potential by other means.
3. Satisfactory completion of an undergraduate statistics course (equivalent to MATH 130 Elements of Statistics 1), physical assessment course, and a research course in nursing.
4. Computer literacy and access to a computer and internet service.
5. Three current academic and/or professional references.
6. Licensure as a registered nurse in Pennsylvania or in the state where clinical practice or internship is to be arranged.
7. Successful completion of a personal interview with the Nursing Admissions Committee.
8. Current résumé and statement of intent.
9. Verified academic transcripts.

Clearances are required for practicum courses NURS 610 and NURS 611 only:

- ACT 34 - PA State Police Criminal Background Check
- ACT 114 - FBI Fingerprint Clearance (Federal Criminal History Background Check)
- ACT 151 - PA Child Abuse History Certification
- Negative TB Test or Chest X-Ray

Major in Nursing (MSN)

Code	Title	Hours
GRADUATE NURSING CORE		12
NURS 501	Role Development and Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice	
NURS 502	Research and Evidence-Based Practice Methodology	

NURS 503	Issues and Roles in Advanced Nursing Practice	
NURS 504	Technology, Informatics & Professional Nursing Practice	
ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE CORE		7
NURS 506	Sustainable Health	
NURS 508	Advanced Clinical Knowledge	
NURSING CAPSTONE		3
NURS 698	Capstone Project	
SCHOOL NURSING REQUIREMENTS - See separate block		
Total Hours		22

Concentration in School Nursing

Code	Title	Hours
SCHOOL NURSING CORE COURSES		
School Nursing: Elementary Grades Practicum		3
NURS 610	School Nursing: Grades PK-4 Practicum	
School Nursing: Middle and High School Grades Practicum		3
NURS 611	School Nursing: Grades 5-12 Practicum	
NURS 612	School Nursing: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS 613	School Nursing: Considerations for the Needs of Diverse Learners and English Language Learners	3
Effective Teaching: Theories and Methods in Nursing Education		
NURS 630	Effective Teaching: Theories and Methods in Nurse Ed	3
Total Hours		15