Master of Education

School Nurse Education

• **CIP code 130101** • **33 credits, 4 terms full-time** • **Licensure:** subject to individual state licensing regulations.

Program Description

The School Nurse Education program is a non-licensure graduate program for school nurses who desire relevant graduate-focused curricula from a variety of disciplines. Inspired by increased responsibilities of school nurses in the past decade, our M.Ed. in School Nurse Education strengthens the knowledge of school nurse professionals. The curriculum focuses on nursing processes with school age children, management and evaluation of school health programs, leadership skills, research in the field, and legal and ethical issues in this unique nursing specialty. The program builds upon the standards of the National Association of School Nurses.

Learning Outcomes

• Analyze ethical and legal situations in school nursing practice.
• Apply evidence based research techniques to nursing practice.
• Evaluate program evaluation methods and student support structures.
• Create professional, innovative work products applicable to school nursing practice.
• Develop leadership and communication skills necessary to facilitate collaboration for desired results.
• Assess personal and professional opportunities to pave the way for a more inclusive culture, recognizing diversity and social determinants of health.

Careers

Graduates may be eligible for employment in K-12 public and private schools. Graduates will grow in confidence and competence in their professional role as an expert school health manager and leader in their school systems. They are encouraged to publish in professional journals, present at local and national conferences for educators and school nurses, develop and initiate new policies/healthcare protocols within their school districts, mentor new school nurse hires, and apply for and advance into formal leadership roles.

Instructional Delivery

This is an online program. Courses are five weeks in length, and there are eight sessions per year. This non-licensure program is offered in a 100% asynchronous online format, and there is a strong focus on engaging students in a dynamic and interactive learning format. The program is designed for students to take one course per five-week session.

Academic Requirements...........................33 credits

School Nurse Education core courses. 18
Suggested elective courses. 15
Total 33

Courses .... 33 credits

Fall 1

ESN 600 | Inquiry Strategies for School Nursing Practice *(suggested prerequisite course offered every term)*

ESN 710 | Dealing With Grief & Loss: Role of Educators and School Nurses

ESN 780 | School Nurse Leadership in School & Community

Spring 1

EED 705 | Multicultural Diversity Issues in the Workplace & Classroom *(suggested elective)*

ESN 725 | Legal Responsibilities & Ethical Issues for School Nurses

ESN 660 | Principles, Process, and Practices of School Health Management

Summer 1

ESP 610 | Autism: History, Prevalence, Diagnosis & Characteristics *(suggested elective)*

ESN 750 | Evaluation of School Health Programs

Note: More courses may be available in the summer term

Fall 2

EHE 613 | Principles of Health/Social Emotional Promotion & Public Health Issues *(suggested elective)*

CCP 729 | Trauma Interventions in Schools *(suggested elective)*

EHE 622 | Implementing Curriculum in the Health/Social-Emotional Learning Classroom *(suggested elective)*

Other electives may be chosen after consultation with an advisor.

See course descriptions under *School Nurse Education* on page 228 and *Education Course Descriptions* on page 207.

Nine transfer credits in education or nursing may be accepted as electives. Transfer courses must meet all general criteria for transfer.

Admission requirements:

• Bachelor's degree, completed application, official undergraduate degree transcript, professional résumé, and personal statement
• Active Registered Nurse license

Program and course schedule subject to change.

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(All courses @ 3 credits.)