

HOME AND SCHOOL VISITOR CERTIFICATION



In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Home and School Visitor (HSV) certificate 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 Home and School Visitor certification. The HSV Certification is designed to provide students with the required knowledge and skills to work collaboratively with interdisciplinary client systems to meet the needs of K-12 students to foster academic success.

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Requirements include successful completion of:

- required program courses
- field placement (internship) in a school setting
- Pennsylvania certification process and recommendations for HSV certification through the MU Certification Office at www.millersville.edu/cert/index.php

REQUIRED COURSES (24 credits)

- SOWK 606 School Social Work
- SOWK 611 Children and Youth atRisk
- SOWK 630 Advanced Field Practicum I
- SOWK 631 Advanced Field Practicum II
- SPED 600 Orientation to Special Education
- EDLD 620 School Law, Public Policy and Principal
- SPED 580 Diagnostic and Assessment Strategies for Students with Disabilities
- Any one of the following:
 - EDUC 561 Second Language Acquisition: Theory, Programs and Assessment
 - EDUC 564 Assessment, Policies and Practices in Teaching English Language Learners

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.

ADMISSIONS

Prospective students seeking the HSV certification may start at any time. Students 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.

****The HSV certification program requires field placement 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).**

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