

HOME AND SCHOOL VISITOR CERTIFICATION



In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Home and School Visitor certification is recognized and required by school districts. The School of Social Work at Millersville University is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to offer the Home and 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 K-12 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 Home and School Visitor (HSV) certification may start at any time. Students must first submit a formal application and be admitted into the program. 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)
- 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 can apply to have prior credits counted toward the HSV certification. Non-MSW applicants can apply to earn the HSV certification.

REQUIRED COURSES (24 credits)

- SOWK 606 School Social Work
- SOWK 611 Children and Youth at-Risk
- SOWK 630 Advanced Field Practicum I (in a school setting)
- SOWK 631 Advanced Field Practicum II (in a school setting)
- SPED 600 Introduction to Exceptional Education
- EDLD 620 School Law, Public Policy and the Principal
- SPED 680 Diagnostic and Assessment Strategies for Students with Disabilities
- Second Language Acquisition (choose 1 of the following):
 - EDUC 561 Second Language Acquisition: Theory, Programs and Assessment
 - EDUC 564 Assessment, Policies and Practices in Teaching English Language Learners

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