

# SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION – ONLINE



In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the PK-12 School Nurse Certificate is recognized and required by school districts for those desiring to hold a Certified School Nurse (CSN) position. The Wehrheim School of Nursing at Millersville University is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to offer the PK-12 Educational Specialist School Nurse certification. The CSN certification is designed to provide students with the required knowledge and skills to work in a collaborative and interdisciplinary manner to meet the needs of PK-12 students to promote health and foster academic success.

## CERTIFICATION

### EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST PK-12 SCHOOL NURSE (LEVEL 1)

Requirements include successful completion of:

- required program courses.
- practicum experiences in a school setting with a Certified School Nurse.
- Pennsylvania certification process and recommendations for CSN certification through the MU Certification Office.

## REQUIRED COURSES (12 credits)

- NURS610 School Nursing: Grades PK-4 Practicum
- NURS611 School Nursing: Grades 5-12 Practicum
- NURS612 School Nursing: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- NURS613 School Nursing: Considerations for Diverse Learners and English Language Learners

## FLEXIBLE PROGRAM OPTIONS

Applicants can earn their CSN certification while enrolled in the MSN–School Nurse program, part- or full-time.

Applicants can complete the required courses as a stand-alone option.

## ADMISSIONS

Prospective students seeking the CSN Level 1 Certification have options to start at various times throughout the academic year. Students must first submit a formal application to the Office of Graduate Studies.

The CSN program requires practicum experiences in a school setting. The Millersville University Public School Nurse Program Coordinator will assist with arranging the practicum experiences. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires current clearances before starting any practicum experiences. These clearances include a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance, and FBI Criminal History Clearance. Additionally, students must have a current, unencumbered RN license in Pennsylvania.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

After obtaining a Level 1 certificate, PDE requires a Level 2 certificate within six service years as a certified school nurse. A Level 2 certificate requires a minimum of three years in a CSN position, 24 post-baccalaureate credits and completion of a PDE Induction Program (provided by employing school district). The School Nurse Program Coordinator can assist students with identifying additional courses to work toward meeting these minimum credit requirements.

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