



# Graduate School Nurse Certification Program

Offered by New Jersey City University

## Program Description:

In response to a growing demand for certified school nurses the School Nurse Certificate program is approved by the New Jersey State Department of Education and meets the requirements for the Educational Services Endorsement as a Certified School Nurse. The program is student-centered and tailored to the needs of the adult-learner! Faculty has real-world experience in the field and work closely with school nurse leaders and administrators to craft a current and comprehensive curriculum for students. **This endorsement authorizes the holder to perform nursing services and to teach in areas related to health in public schools in grades preschool through 12.**

**Graduate School Nurse Certificate Program:** This 30-credit program incorporates leadership and research components into the school nurse certificate program. Courses are taken on the graduate level and applied toward a Masters Degree in Health Sciences. Students must hold current license as a Registered Nurse, and a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. To be considered for admission into this program, a student must have an Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 and a minimum of 3 years work experience in nursing. This program can be completed in a 15 month learning community beginning in May.

## Admission:

- Applications are required to meet the graduate admission criteria of NJCU
- Candidates must have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Hold a current New Jersey License as a Registered Professional Nurse
- Minimum of 3 years work experience in nursing
- Applicants may be invited in for a personal interview as part of the application process.

## Location:

All New Jersey City University courses are offered at the Wall Higher Education Center, part of the NJ Coastal Community or online.

NJCU provides for the traditional and non-traditional student with part-time, full-time, day and evening courses.

Advisement is available each semester on the Wall campus with NJCU faculty.

## Tuition/Financial Aid:

Tuition information is available at [http://web.njcu.edu/sites/controller/Content/tuition\\_fee\\_rates\\_fy\\_08.asp](http://web.njcu.edu/sites/controller/Content/tuition_fee_rates_fy_08.asp) Students must start the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), and selecting NJCU as their college choice. Filing deadlines apply. For more information visit Financial Aid at [http://www.njcu.edu/i2e/financial\\_aid/default\\_new.asp](http://www.njcu.edu/i2e/financial_aid/default_new.asp) or call 201-200-3173.

## Disability Services:

Accepted students with disabilities should contact Jennifer Aitken, Director of the Office for Specialized Services, at 201.200.2557

## Graduate School Nurse Certificate Program Requirements:

DEPT	COURSE	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
HLTH	636	The Role of the School Nurse in the Coordinated School Health Program I	3
HLTH	642	The Role of the School Nurse in the Coordinated School Health Program II	3
HLTH	641	Methods and Curriculum in Health Education	3
HLTH	635	Public Health Issues of Immigration <b>OR</b>	3
HLTH	647	Health Disparities Among Diverse Populations	
HLTH	620	Evidence Based Practice in Public Health	3
HLTH	530	Drug Abuse Workshop	3
PSYC	603	Developmental Psychology	3
SPEC	605	Introduction to Education and Psychology of the Exceptional Child	3
HLTH	643*	School Nurse / Health Education Practicum	6
Total			30
<b>Additional course work to complete Masters Degree</b>			
HLTH	614	Advanced Epidemiology	3
HLTH	616	Techniques of Health Research	3
HLTH	629	Health Education Theory and Practice	3
HLTH	660	Thesis or Project	3
HLTH	XXX	Electives if necessary	3/6
Total			36
*Prerequisite 636 & 641 required			
**Students with a BS/BSN can usually transfer two courses from their undergraduate study toward certification (Developmental Psych/Lifespan Development and Community/Public Health) Occasionally there is a third course that can be transferred for certification (a cultural, Special Ed, or substance abuse course) A maximum of 9 credits are transferable toward certification			

## School Nurse Learning Cohort

Semester I*	Mode	Day & Time	
HLTH 636	Blended	Tuesday - 4:30 to 6:30pm	
HLTH 530	Online		
<b>Semester II</b>			
HLTH 642	Blended	Saturday – 9:00 to 11:45am	
HLTH 641	Blended	Saturday -	
<b>Semester III</b>			
HLTH 643	Classroom	Saturday - 9:00 to 11:45am	
<b>Semester IV</b>			
HLTH 647	Online		
SPEC 605	Online		
* Cohort / Program begins in May			

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