School Nurse Certification Program

The UW–Madison School of Nursing offers the School Nurse Certification program in cooperation with the School of Education. The program prepares nurses for positions overseeing school health services. Prospective students must have their bachelor's degree in nursing and registered nurse (RN) license to enter the certification program. Students enrolled in either UW–Madison's baccalaureate nursing program or BSN@Home program are also eligible. A program application is necessary and certification requires a minimum of four courses plus a practicum (or equivalent experience). Upon completion of the program, candidates apply to obtain Wisconsin School Nurse Certification from the Department of Public Instruction.

Certification Program Plan Requirements

NURSING (one required course plus practicum or equivalent experience)

- ☐ N470 School Nursing in the Context of Community Health Practice (2–3 credits; required online course)
- ☐ N472 Practicum in School Nursing (6 credits; can be satisfied with 3 years' experience as a school nurse)

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (one course from either of two content areas; 3 credits total)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

- ☐ 362 Development of the Young Child (3 credits)
- ☐ 363 Development from Adolescence to Old Age (3 credits)
- ☐ Equivalent _____

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

- ☐ 320 Human Development in Infancy and Childhood (3 credits)
- ☐ 321 Human Development in Adolescence (3 credits)
- ☐ Equivalent _____

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (one course from each of two content areas; 6 credits total)

EDUCATIONAL POLICY STUDIES

- ☐ 300 School and Society (3 credits)
- ☐ 412 History of American Education (3 credits)
- ☐ 500 Topics on Social Issues and Education (3 credits)
- ☐ Equivalent _____

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- ☐ 501 Health Information for Teachers (3 credits)
- ☐ 541 Organization and Administration of School Health Programs (3 credits)
- ☐ Equivalent _____

For More Information or to Request an Admission Application:

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https://nursing.wisc.edu/certificates/school-nursing/