

HEALTH SCIENCES—SCHOOL NURSING, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Completion of this program, meets the requirements for the New Jersey Department of Education Educational Services Certificate Endorsement as a School Nurse. 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. (N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.3)

The School Nurse Certificate Program at New Jersey City University prepares students for the autonomous, challenging, and multifaceted role of the school nurse in a diverse non-medical setting as an integral part of the Coordinated School Health Program. School nurses practice within the state nurse practice act must understand and support the mission of the educational system. Prospective students must hold a current New Jersey 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 3.0. Courses are offered in a variety of formats: web-enhanced, blended, or online.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Degree Requirements: 12 Credits		
HLTH 614	Advanced Epidemiology	3
HLTH 629	Health Education Theory&Practice	3
HLTH 616	Techniques Of Health Research	3
HLTH 660	Thesis Or Dept Project	3
• Students may need to take additional electives to meet the 36-credit degree requirement if more than 2 courses were accepted for certification.		
Total Credits for MS Degree with School Nurse Certification:		30
Total Credits		42

Code	Title	Credits
Certificate Program Requirements: ¹		
HLTH 630	Trends and Issues in Substance Abuse	3
HLTH 635	Public Health Issues of Immigration	3
or HLTH 647	Health Disparities Among Diverse Populations: Class, Race, and Gender.	
HLTH 620	Evidence Based Practice in Public Health	3
HLTH 636	The Role of the School Nurse in the Coordinated School Health Program I	3
HLTH 641	Methods and Curriculum Development in Health Education	3
HLTH 642	The Role of the School Nurse in the Coordinated School Nurse Program II	3
HLTH 643	Graduate School Nurse/Health Education Practicum	6
PSYC 603	Developmental Psychology	3
SPEC 605	Introduction to Educational and Psychologically Exceptional Children	3
Total Credits:		30
**21-24 credits generally taken		

¹ Students with a BS/BSN can use at least two courses from their undergraduate study toward certification (Developmental Psychology/Lifespan Development and Community/Public Health). Occasionally there is a third course that is equivalent toward certification. We can accept a maximum of 9 credits for the certification program. (Undergraduate credits accepted toward certification cannot be applied toward the Masters Degree). Students generally take 21-24 credits of the 30 required credits on the graduate level toward certification. The certificate program can be completed in 15-18 months. **All courses taken on the graduate level toward certification can be applied to our 36-credit Master of Sciences Program with a concentration in School Health Education** (<https://catalog.njcu.edu/graduate/professional-studies/health-sciences/health-sciences-school-health-education-ms>).