

MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN SCHOOL NURSING

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing with a Specialization in School Nursing is a dynamic, stepwise degree program that includes the Graduate School Nurse Certificate Program within the curriculum. Students can either directly apply or matriculate into the degree program while completing the Graduate School Nurse Certificate Program.

The M.S degree is designed to build on nursing baccalaureate education, contemporary nursing practice parameters, and disciplinary competencies. The program curriculum includes a total of 37 credits; 16 credits are allocated to nursing core courses and 21 credits are allocated to the school nursing specialization. This program integrates content required by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) for the Standard Non-Instructional School Nurse Certificate and the Standard (Instructional) School Nurse Certificate with graduate-level nursing knowledge, skills, and competencies needed to thrive in schools and community settings.

The School Nurse Certificate program embedded in the M.S degree is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education in meeting requirements for the Standard Non-Instructional School Nurse Certificate (N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.4) and the Standard (Instructional) School Nurse Endorsement (N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.3). The Master of Science in Nursing Degree is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Admission Requirements

*Program admission is on a rolling basis.

- BSN from an institution that is both regionally accredited & accredited by CCNE or ACEN Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Completed application and non-refundable fee
- Official transcripts from all previous U.S. colleges attended or official NACES course-by-course evaluation of any foreign transcripts*
- Submission of a 250-500-word essay
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Professional Resume or CV
- Copy of current, unencumbered NJ nursing license

Code	Title	Credits
School Nurse Certificate/Specialization Requirements		
NURS 614	Role of the School Nurse I: Care Coordination	3
NURS 616	Role of the School Nurse II: Reducing Barriers to Health & Learning ¹	3
NURS 600	Science Of Health Promotion	3
NURS 642	Advanced Health Assessment	3
NURS 672	School Nurse Practicum I ²	3
Subtotal Credits	Upon successful completion of the above 15 credits students are eligible for the Non-Instructional School Nurse Certificate	15

NURS 622	Curriculum Design, Development & Evaluation in School Health Education	3
NURS 673	School Nurse Health Education & Promotion Practicum ³	3
Subtotal Credits	Upon successful completion of the above 21 credits students are eligible for the Standard (Instructional) School Nurse Certificate	21

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NURS 601	Theory Development in Advanced Practice Nursing Science	3
NURS 609	Healthcare Delivery Systems and Social Policy	3
NURS 610	Research Methodology	3
NURS 630	Advanced Pathopharmacology	4
NURS 679	Capstone: Program Evaluation	3
Subtotal		16
Total	Upon successful completion of all 37 credits students are eligible for the Master of Science with a Major in Nursing Degree	37

¹ Prerequisite for NURS 616 is NURS 614

² Prerequisites for NURS 672 are NURS 614, NURS 616, NURS 600, and NURS 642

³ Prerequisites for NURS 673 are NURS 614, NURS 616, NURS 672, and NURS 622

Students who complete the Master of Science in Nursing with a Specialization in School Nursing at NJCU will be able to:

1. Engage in the processes of scholarship, critical thinking, communication and research for practice and advanced study.
2. Employ information systems technology and inter-professional collaboration to manage and transform clinical and educational practice.
3. Evaluate socioeconomic and health care policy issues and trends that affect advanced practice and nursing education.
4. Provide leadership to promote effective change in health care delivery systems and nursing education through integration of advanced nursing knowledge, theories and principles for effective outcomes.
5. Design population-centered and culturally responsive strategies in the delivery of clinical and educational practice.
6. Assimilate the role of the school nurse in schools and communities with diverse populations.
7. Demonstrate competencies in using evidence-based practice to design, implement, and evaluate nursing services and health education curricula in schools and communities.