

School Nurse Licensure Program Program Description

Youngstown State University's School Nurse Licensure Program is designed to build upon undergraduate education and to prepare the school nurse to be an effective member of the professional school community. This program requires 15-17 semester credit hours with courses taught by both the Nursing Program and the College of Education. Included in the program are 300 practicum hours (5 s.h. credit) in a school setting under the supervision of a licensed school nurse preceptor and a university faculty member. This practicum may be taken in increments to accommodate the working student. Opportunities for practicum hours to be waived (up to 200 hours) are considered on an individual basis for nurses with school nurse experience. **Courses are either online or hybrid, meeting about 4 times during the semester.**

Students seeking admission into the School Nurse Licensure Program must have a baccalaureate degree with course work in growth and development, psychology, sociology, and community health. Students must be licensed to practice nursing in Ohio, or eligible to be licensed (graduate of an approved school of nursing). The Ohio RN license is necessary prior to practicum placement.

School Nurse Licensure Program—*Required Curriculum* Four (4) classes and practicum

School Nurse License Required Coursework:

SPED 6900 Issues, Trends & Foundations in Spec Ed	3 sh
NURS 6907 Health Assessment of School Children	3 sh
NURS 7014 Health Management in Schools	3 sh
NURS 7016 School Nurse Role Development	3 sh
NURS 7017 School Nurse Role Practicum	3-5 sh

Total Required Hours:
15-17 s.h.

NURS 6907. Health Assessment of School Children. Development of advanced clinical knowledge and skills in assessment of school children. Emphasis on research from nursing, behavioral, and social sciences. Prereq: NURS 6901, 6902 & 6903 or enrollment in school nurse licensure program. 3 s.h.

NURS 7014. Health Management in Schools. Advanced nursing management of health care needs of children in schools, pre-k through high school. Prereq: NURS 6907 or enrollment in school nurse licensure program. 3 s.h.

NURS 7016. School Nurse Role. Examination of concepts, theories, and research related to advanced practice role development, teaching, learning, technology, evaluation strategies, leadership, marketing skills, and health care delivery in school setting. Prereq: NURS 7014, 7015 or enrollment in the school nurse licensure program. 3 s.h.

NURS 7017. School Nurse Role Practicum. Application of concepts, theories, and research related from NURS 7016, in pre-k, k-12 settings. To be taken concurrently with NURS 7016. Prereq: NURS 7014, 7015 or enrollment in the school nurse licensure program. 3-5 s.h.

SPED 6900. Issues, Trends & Foundations in Special Education. Exploratory study of the issues, trends, and foundations in special education. Evidenced-based principles, laws, and policies, diverse and historical points of view, and human issues that focus on the education of individuals with mild or intensive exceptional learning needs are examined. The relationship of special education to the organizations and functions of schools/agencies is explored. 3 s.h.

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