



Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
To: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate  
From: Jean Standard, Chairperson, University Curriculum Committee  
Robert Quinlan, Chairperson, Graduate Curriculum Committee  
RE: Executive Summary for the following new program proposal

New School Nurse Graduate Certificate Program

Complete proposal may be access on the Curriculum Forms site by entering your ULID and password:

<https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/curriculumforms/GradNewProgramView.aspx?ID=77>

**Rationale submitted with the proposal:**

The increasing complexity of health issues requires school nurses to receive advanced training in educational theory, child development, public health theory and case management. The Illinois State Board of Education is requiring school districts to have Certified School Nurses (CSN) to complete Individualized Educational Plans and conduct case management.

The America's Promise School Project works closely with school districts in central Illinois. District 87 (Bloomington), Unit 5 (Normal), CSUD #3 (Tri-Valley) and CSUD 61 (Decatur Public Schools) requested that ISU offer a school nurse certificate program to meet this expanding need.

A statewide needs assessment was done to determine interest in the program. A total of 739 nurses responded to the needs assessment; 236 indicated they definitely or probably would enroll in an online certificate program.

**Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.**

The School Nurse Graduate Certificate program is a full cost recovery program that will utilize 2 part-time faculty who are Professional Educator Licensed, Certified School Nurses with Masters of Nursing degrees. Financial Implication Form is included.