

## New Graduate Program (Majors, Sequences, Certificates) Proposal Illinois State University - Graduate Curriculum Committee

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**Title of New Program** School Nurse Graduate Certificate Program  
**Proposed Starting Catalog Year** 2019-2020

### Associated Course Proposals

Course	Title	Version	Proposal Type	Initiator
NUR 416	The School Nurse as Educator	1	New Grad Course	Denise Wilson
NUR 417	Theoretical Foundations of School Health	1	New Grad Course	Denise Wilson
NUR 418	Practicum in School Nursing	1	New Grad Course	Denise Wilson

1.

**Proposed Action**

New Major  
New Sequence

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New Certificate

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More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

2.

**Provide *Graduate Catalog* copy for new program.**

## School Nurse Graduate Certificate

10 total hours are required to complete this graduate certificate

3.00 GPA is required to graduate with this graduate certificate

Required courses (10 hours): NUR 416, 417, 418

### 3.

#### **Provide a description for the proposed program.**

The School Nurse Graduate Certificate program is a fully online 10 credit hour certificate that meets the Illinois State Board of Education certified Professional Educator License (PEL) and certified school nurses requirements. The certificate will be a full-cost recovery, post baccalaureate program open to school nurses with an unencumbered Illinois Registered Nurse license and 2 years of relevant nursing experience. Theory courses will be offered in the summer followed by a 3 credit hour clinical practicum during the fall semester.

### 4.

#### **Provide a rationale of proposed program.**

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.

### 5.

#### **Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).**

There are no anticipated short term effects on existing campus programs. Long term this program can encourage school nurses to enroll in the Master of Science in Nursing degree program, Nursing Systems Administration sequence.

### 6.

#### **Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses that will be or have been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:**

The School Nurse Graduate Certificate will require the addition of 3 online courses; 2 offered in the summer term, 1 in the fall term.

- NUR 416 The School Nurse as Educator (4 credits). Educational methods and learning strategies are explored as they apply to children, adolescents and adults in the school setting. The critical role of the school nurse in addressing the educational and health needs of the exceptional child is investigated. This course specifically addresses the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements for adapting educational and health care to the needs of the exceptional child.

- NUR 417 Theoretical Foundations of School Health. (3 credits). Application of population health, health promotion and case management principles to chronic health conditions and children with special needs to maximize health, learning environments and health outcomes. Students will explore a variety of school nursing trends and theories to gain a broader understanding of the interplay between school environment, social emotional factors, social determinants of health, family systems and the child.
- NUR 418 Practicum in School Nursing (3 credits) This is a 300 hour practicum course, 250 hours can occur in the school nurse setting. Students will participate in two 4 hour synchronous sessions. Application of educational and child development theories to develop, implement and evaluate health promotion curriculum in the classroom. School assessment, program development and outcomes based evaluation will be used.

7.

**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.

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**No**

**Does this program count for teacher education?**

9.

**The following questions must be answered.**

**N.A.**

Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?  
*A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.*

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**Routing and action summary for New Graduate Program:**

[Proposal Routing](#)

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