



School Nurse Certification Program

Wisconsin DPI with the UW-Madison School of Nursing

The UW-Madison School of Nursing offers the **School Nurse Certification Program** in cooperation with the School of Education. All candidates apply to enter the program through the School of Nursing. Upon completion of the program the nurse may apply through the School of Nursing to obtain Wisconsin certification from the Department of Public Instruction.

Registered Nurses and students enrolled in the UW-Madison baccalaureate degree program in Nursing may apply to the program. Eligible students enroll in on the following ways:

- **Baccalaureate prepared registered nurses** (school nurses and interested others holding the RN and BS) may apply to enter the certification program as “Special Students” with the University.
- **BSN@Home**: RNs working toward a baccalaureate degree may complete some of the requirements during their enrollment in the **BSN@Home** program (formerly called the “CNP” or Collaborative Nursing Program. After completing the BS, they could enroll in the program as “Special Students” to complete the requirements).
- **BSN Program**: Students enrolled in the basic baccalaureate degree program in the School of Nursing at UW-Madison may elect to meet the requirements for certification during their course of study. They should see an advisor early in their program for program planning.

Course requirements for the program include courses in Nursing, Education and Human Growth and Development.

For further information and to apply to the program contact:

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The **first step** in the process to enroll in the program to attain certification – is through an application to the School of Nursing. If you have credits/courses/experiences that may be equivalent to a requirement, you maybe be exempt from a course, but this must be arranged though the School Nursing (e.g., review credentials).

Certification Requirements

1. **Baccalaureate (4 Year) degree in Nursing**
2. **School of Nursing requirements (Must meet both requirements):**

470 Primary Health Care Nursing in the School Setting
472 Practicum in School Nursing

3. **Human Growth and Development (one course from either area):**

Child/Family Studies

362 Development of the Young Child
363 Development from Middle Childhood to Old Age

Ed Psych

320 Human Development in Infancy and Early Childhood
321 Human Development in Adolescence
723 Development Processes Across the Life Span

4. **Professional Education Requirements (2 courses, 1 from each area):**

Ed Policy (one of the following)

300 School and Society
412 History of American Education
500 Social Issues and Education

Curriculum and Instruction (one of the following)

501 Health Information for Teachers
541 Organization and Administration of School Health and Safety Program

After completion of all requirements, one may apply through the School of Nursing to obtain School Nurse Certification from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Students download and print the Wisconsin license application form **PI 1602 IS** from the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) website.