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**THE UNIVERSITY OF
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PRESENTS

*A
School Nurse Certificate
in
Basic School Nursing*



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WHAT IS SCHOOL NURSING IN DELAWARE?

Whether you are contemplating school nursing in Delaware as your career choice or were recently hired you may ask – what next?

The following requirements must be met prior to employment as a Delaware public school nurse:

- Bachelors degree in Nursing
- 3 years clinical experience
- Current CPR certification
- RN license to practice in Delaware

After employment as a school nurse, the Basic School Nursing Cluster outlined in this brochure must be completed within the first three years of employment.



THE SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATE

The Basic School Nurse cluster was specifically developed to address Delaware Department of Education (DOE) induction requirements of the school nurse specialist.

The goal is to provide newly licensed school nurses with advanced knowledge and skills needed to practice safely and effectively in the Delaware public school setting.

Basic School Nursing aims to facilitate successful transition from general nursing practice to school nursing by addressing essential nursing and educational components that are needed by school nurses, but are not included in a traditional nursing degree program.

This cluster is approved by the DOE. At the completion of this cluster, participants will receive a certificate in Basic School Nursing from the University of Delaware.

THE CURRICULUM

90 Hours – 6 Modules

NURS 600 – Issues in School Health Nursing – (equals 3 modules)

This 3-credit academic course is offered each summer. It focuses on the roles of the new school nurse and the healthcare needs of school-age children. Content includes: testing/screening, guidance/counseling, health

teaching, legal and ethical issues, and community partnerships.

To register, contact Continuing Education at 302-831-2741. All participants are expected to pay the standing University tuition and fees. However, there is not a fee for Module 4 - Delaware School Nurse Orientation Program.

This course counts towards both the School Nurse Certificate and as an elective in the Graduate or Undergraduate Programs.

Registration begins in April.

Module 4 – Delaware School Nurse Orientation Program.

This program is held for 2 days each August. Contact Linda Wolfe at the Department of Education at 302-735-4060.

Module 5 – Preventing Communicable Diseases in Children.

This module focuses on identification and prevention of communicable diseases, the nurse as a first responder in a crisis situation involving bioterrorism, as well as measures taken to enhance protection and respond to active disease. It is offered each fall.*

Module 6 – The Exceptional Child

This module focuses on the child with a chronic condition with special needs. It covers the federal laws that protect them, the principles of special education, and multiple physical and mental health conditions. It is offered each spring.*

* Registration for Modules 5 & 6 is through the School of Nursing. Make a check payable to the University of Delaware for \$250 each and mail to Dr. Janice Selekman (address and phone number on back of brochure).