

School Nurse Training Program

The New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing (NJCCN) and Rutgers University School of Nursing (RUSON; Newark/New Brunswick) have received a grant from the NJDOL to support nurses in obtaining their school nurse certificate. Only 20 spots are available! Direct questions to Dr. Grano at Cgrano@sn.rutgers.edu

Program admission criteria:

- Employed full-time in a NJ school district as a school nurse & be a NJ resident
- Have or applied for a School Nurse Emergency Certificate: Preference will be given to those with an active emergency certificate.
- Hold current CPR/AED certification
- NJ RN with a BA/BS or BSN degree
 - If BA or BS in another field, proof of the following courses is required: Community and Public Health Nursing, and Health Assessment Across the Life Span
- Meet prerequisites and be accepted to RUSON (Newark/New Brunswick) school nurse certificate program found here: Go.rutgers.edu/schoolnursecert

Program participation requires:

- That the nurse:
 - Be employed full-time in a NJ school as a school nurse & a NJ resident
 - Apply & be accepted into Rutgers School Nurse Certification Program (Newark/New Brunswick campus) with the appropriate supporting documents
<https://nursing.rutgers.edu/academics-admissions/certificates-nondegree/schoolnurse/> **AND** complete ALL grant program paperwork
 - Begin the school nurse certification program in Summer 2025
 - Be assigned a preceptor/mentor by their school district for 2000 required hours and receive district support throughout the program (1-2 years)
 - Complete the required coursework on their own time
 - Meet the requirements of the USDOL and NJDOL Apprenticeship Program
- Collaborative partnership with the participating school district, and Rutgers SON
- School nurse salary increase from the beginning to the end of the program

Program benefits:

- The NJDOL grant will cover the cost of the three courses listed below and fees and the school nurse certification fee with the NJDOE.
 - 705:470 Foundations in Health Education
 - 705:480 School Health Nursing
 - 705:481 School Health Nursing Practicum
- Ongoing mentorship for the student as they transition into school nursing
- Education credits/CE's to the student and preceptor
- Instructional School Nurse Certificate with program completion

** The costs associated with 300:306 Educational Psychology are not covered by the NJDOL grant. Educational Psychology can be taken at Rutgers, a local community college (with pre-approval) or via CLEP (Score of 50 or better; Link to the exam information: <https://clep.collegeboard.org/clep-exams/introduction-educational-psychology>)