School of Nursing

7th in DNP & 8th in MSN, U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best Nursing Grad Schools
7th in NIH funding (2017) among schools of nursing
Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

OVERVIEW*
The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) School Nurse Certificate is offered jointly through the School of Education and School of Nursing. Courses are designed to prepare registered nurses to meet the health needs of children of all ages in diverse school settings. Students or graduates of the BSN, MSN, DNP, or PhD programs may enroll in the courses. Upon completion of the School Nurse Certificate curriculum, students may be eligible to apply for the School Nurse Certificate (Education Specialist I) issued by the PDE. To apply for the School Nurse certificate, a valid RN Licensure is required by PDE (education.pa.gov).

CURRICULUM FORMAT
- Onsite
- Part-time (~ 3 terms)
- 30 credits (includes 100 practicum hours)
- Fall, Spring, and Summer Term admission

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Graduates of the School Nurse Certificate are prepared to apply nursing knowledge, skills and abilities in the care of school age children in diverse elementary and secondary school settings.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
- ≥ 3.0 cumulative GPA (current BSN students) or ≥ 3.0 GPA in BSN or higher nursing degree from ACEN, NLN, ACICS, or CCNE accredited program
- Current Criminal Record Clearance (ACT 34 and ACT 73)
- Current Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (ACT 33)
- Current American Heart Association - BLS Healthcare Provider Course Certification
- Online application: nursing.pitt.edu
- International applicants: nursing.pitt.edu and ois.pitt.edu

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