

School Nurse Education

Course Descriptions 2023

ESN 691 Professional Seminar I: School Nurse Education - 2 credits

Professional Seminar I (PSI) establishes a learning community that addresses the problems of isolation of school nurses, as well as, identification of the future mission of the profession. This seminar provides the context in which a cohort of students can interpret their experiences and transform them into knowledge, constructs, skills, attitudes and values. The seminar is a developmental process challenging students' existing philosophies and practices. The PSI is a model of support to students' personal and professional lives, where current personal and professional growth issues are raised and discussed. Learning is facilitated in a supportive, risk-free environment. With guidance of the seminar leader, students will define and clarify the final project design of the independent learning project (ILP) and develop an action plan to ensure satisfactory completion.

ESN 692 Professional Seminar II: School Nurse Education - 2 credits

Professional Seminar II (PS2) is conducted entirely online. It requires students to have and apply a consistently strong work ethic and a determined action plan for progressing according to the submission deadline schedule requirements established and provided to them during PS I. During PS2, students will be required to extend their ILP topic research to complete their literature review (minimum of 10 pages) to include a minimum of 10-12 scholarly sources, and to write their reference page. They will also be required to finalize and compose their methodology and design and create the body (stand-alone intervention or initiative) of their ILP during the PS2.

ESN 693 Professional Seminar III: School Nurse Education - 1 credit

Professional Seminar III (PS III), in addition to allowing students to complete the remaining portions of the ILP, including the statement of learning/summary and conclusions, appendices, abstract and table of contents, will allow students to develop an assessment plan to use in evaluating the effectiveness of their projects. The assessment plan will specify the goals of the ILP project and establish reasonable and measurable evaluative criteria based on those goals. Students will also design a timetable for implementing their projects, along with identifying key stakeholders, those individuals who would be expected to lend support to the project and a rationale behind their motivation for such support. Students will also identify any barriers/blocks in the form of policies, regulations, people, current cultural standards/practices and traditions; and fiscal, time and space constraints, that need to be anticipated to ensure their ILPs' success. Students will post their abstracts so that they can obtain feedback on their ILP projects from their nursing colleagues, allowing them to expand the impact of their projects beyond their own schools' communities.

ESN 800 Independent Learning Project: School Nurse Education - 3 credits

The Independent Learning Project is a culminating learning experience that helps school nurse educators to integrate their personal and formal learning and their professional experiences into a meaningful whole. It articulates the individual's educational and administrative philosophy. The project is research- and action-based, on a focused topic chosen by the school nurse educator. It engages the student in sustained research into educational practice and curriculum development.

ESN 660 Principles, Process, and Practices of School Health Management - 3 credits

In this course, students will combine nursing theory and apply knowledge acquired in the practice setting. They will develop effective strategies using the nursing process to analyze the impact of significant medical, psychological, cultural and social problems on the population

of school aged children. Consideration will be given to how the major cultural and societal issues affecting children impact the practice of nursing within the school practice setting. Students will engage in research from both a global and local perspective. Using the nursing process to define the issues, students will suggest effective short and long-term interventions, including public policy interventions to address these problems and devise an evaluation system that insures continued and progressive program improvement. In addition, students will become familiar with the eight major component categories of the Coordinated School Health Model and to recognize the importance of collaborating with professionals in other school service areas to provide effective and coordinated interventions aimed at individual children as well as the larger school population. The impact of school nursing services on student outcomes will be explored. Using the goals of "Healthy People 2020", students will analyze the relationship between specific data in relationship to the 2020 goals and design a health promotion/health education program to address the needs of a specific student population. Emphasis will be placed on the leadership role of nurses as they interact with other professionals and political leaders within their community and on the state and national level.

ESN 710 Dealing with Grief & Loss: Role of Educators, Counselors, and Nurses - 3 credits

This course assists the professional school staff member in supporting students dealing with grief and loss. Course participants identify the issues that influence our society in dealing with grief and loss and recognize the physical, psychological, social and cultural manifestations of grief. Participants learn how our understanding of death and loss is influenced by developmental age, cultural and social factors. The course focuses on how issues of grief and loss are present in the school environment and explores approaches to help the students cope with loss in a variety of situations.

ESN 725 Legal Responsibilities & Ethical Issues for School Nurses - 3 credits

This course is an analysis of federal, state and municipal legal mandates which affect school health programs. It will include a review of professional standards and an examination of the ethics of care, advocacy, equity, confidentiality, responsibility, accountability, and other ethical issues, which affect the school health program, school children and their families, and the school nurse.

ESN 780 School Nurse Leadership in the School & Community - 3 credits

Overview of the professional roles of the school nurse. Introduction to leadership theory, process and outcomes with special emphasis on critical thinking, decision-making, and change. Examination of interdisciplinary initiatives within the school and community. Introduction to the National Association of School Nurses and state associations.

ESN 750 Evaluation of School Health Programs - 3 credits

Theory and practice of program evaluation with emphasis on how to focus an evaluation, design a program evaluation, use quantitative and qualitative methods in evaluation, assess program implementation, measure attitudes, measure performance and use tests, analyze data, and communicate evaluation findings. Special topics include needs assessment, cost-benefit analysis, and an introduction to grant and proposal development.

Choose 3 electives in health, family & consumer sciences, instructional technology, counseling psychology, school guidance, special education, or teaching skills and methodologies.