

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 GAINS grant from the NJDOL to support nurses in obtaining their school nurse certificate. Only 20 spots are available!

Program participation requirements that the nurse applicant must:

- Be 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.
- Be a New Jersey RN with a BA/BS or BSN degree with current CPR/AED certification
- Proof of the following courses is required: Community and Public Health Nursing and Health Assessment Across the Life Span
- Meet prerequisites and be accepted into RUSON (Newark/New Brunswick) School Nurse Certification Program with the appropriate supporting documents
<https://nursing.rutgers.edu/academics-admissions/certificates-nondegree/schoolnurse/> **AND** complete **ALL** grant program paperwork
- Complete the [School Nurse Training GAINS Grant Program Applicant Information](#) **after submitting the RUSON application** (via link or QR code).
- 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
- Begin the school nurse certification program in Summer 2025

Applicant Information



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>)

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