

**UIC SCHOOL NURSE  
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**  
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# Why School Nurse Certification?

- Expand your knowledge and strengthen your ability to advocate for the health of your students and school community.
- Prepare for state and national certification examinations.
- Parallel teacher licensure: Obtain Illinois professional educators license in school nursing (Formerly Type 73 Certificate) or licensure/certification in your own state.



# Why choose UIC School Nurse Certification Program?

- Online courses available to BSN registered nurses in all 50 states.
- UIC offers the opportunity for Illinois State Board of Education licensure in school nursing AND School Nurse Certification from UIC.
- Flexible design for BSN registered nurses whether or not they are working in a school.



# About the School Nurse Certificate Program

- UIC School Nurse Certificate Program began in 1986; online in 1998.
- Course work is developed along national school nurse standards and guidelines.
- Program is 10 graduate credit hour—total of three courses
- Complete coursework in two or three semesters
- Start during the fall or spring semester (August or January)





# UIC School Nurse Certification Admission Requirements

## 1. RN license with Bachelors of Science in Nursing\*\*

An RN with baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution in a field other than nursing is also acceptable. These applicants must submit transcripts for review.

Transcripts are reviewed for coursework in the following areas

- Health Assessment
- Concepts and Processes for Contemporary Nursing Practice
- Clinical Concepts and Processes in Population-Focused Nursing

Nurses without this coursework can enroll in these courses online through UIC and join the program once completed.



# UIC School Nurse Certification Admission Requirements

2. Active RN license
3. Copy of ALL college transcripts attended
4. 2.7 GPA and above
5. Two letters of Recommendation
6. **AND.....**for Illinois students only....



# UIC School Nurse Certification Admission Requirements

## 6. **PASSING** score on “**Entrance Exam**”

For admission Illinois applicants must present passing scores from one of the following exams:

- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) **Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP)**
- **American College Testing (ACT) plus Writing-**
- **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)**

NOTE: Once passed, exam results can be used with **NO** expiration date.



# UIC School Nurse Certification Admission Requirements

## 6. **PASSING** score on “Entrance Exam”

For admission Illinois applicants must present passing scores from one of the following exams:

### CONFIRM YOUR SCORE REPORT MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- **ACT:**
  - Prior to 9/1/15 - Composite score of 22 or higher **and** a minimum score of 19 on the Combined English/Writing portion
  - 9/1/15 and later - Composite score of 22 or higher **and** a minimum score of 16 on the Writing portion
- **SAT:**
  - Prior to 3/5/16 - Composite score of 1030 (critical reading + mathematics = 1030 or higher) **and** a minimum score of 450 on writing
  - 3/5/16 and later - Composite score of 1110 (evidence-based reading and writing + mathematics = 1110 or higher) **and** a minimum score of 26 on writing and language

UPDATE !

~~All scores must be from one test administration taken on the same date.~~ You may now take the writing portion separate from the exam, however, the writing score must be from the same exam as the composite score. ( ex. Both from ACT)



# UIC School Nurse Certification Admission Requirements

## 6. **PASSING** score on “**Entrance Exam**“--- **WRITING ONLY**



The Illinois State Board of Education will now allow those with old ACT scores that did not include writing but that meet the passing score (22) to sit for the missing writing section without having to retake the entire exam.

If you need only the writing section of the ACT you must register for the entire exam as there is not a “writing only “ option. You must then sit through the entire exam until the writing portion is available and then complete that section.



# UIC School Nurse Certification Entrance Exam Options

**UIC strongly encourages you to take the ACT plus writing rather than the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP).** Passing rates for the TAP are 25% and the exam is more costly than the ACT plus writing. Students can also take the SAT if preferred.

Students who have taken any of the entrance exams and achieved passing scores can use that score without having to retake the exam. To find out more on each of the exams visit the following sites:

ACT plus Writing: <http://www.actstudent.org>

Test of Academic Proficiency: <http://www.il.nesinc.com/>

SAT: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>

**STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM!!!**



# UIC School Nurse Certification Program Requirements

The program coursework is all \*online, therefore you **MUST** have the following basic online skills to be successful in the program:

1. Use email for routine correspondence
2. Use Web Search engines like Google or Bing
3. Word processing skills
  - Cut and paste
  - Save and save under new name
  - Open new folders
  - Attach documents

\*Meet on campus twice (Saturdays); at start of first semester & at end of final semester



# Required School Nurse Coursework

## **NUSP 512 -Education Perspectives in School Health**

- Offered in 8 week session (4 credits)

## **NUSP 513 -School Nursing Theory and Trends**

- Offered in 8 week session (3 credits)

## **NUSP 514 -School Nursing Internship (3 credits- variable)**

- Complete in one or two semesters
- Prerequisites: NUSP 512 and NUSP 513

**All Classes Offered in Spring and Fall**





# School Nurse Internship Requirements

- Internship requires 300 hours in a school setting.
- School Nurse can complete up to 260 hours at their current job.
- School Nurse interns are mentored by a preceptor and UIC faculty.
- Interns not presently working in a school setting will be placed in a school with a school nurse preceptor within 30 miles of their home.
- Internship is guided by state and national school nurse standards.

\*All UIC College of Nursing students are required to meet certain compliance requirements pertaining to background checks, immunizations, and drug testing before beginning the internship.



# Ready to Apply?

## **Step by Step:**

- **Schedule and Complete TAP or ACT/SAT Test – TEST EARLY!!**
- **Order/send copies of ALL Transcripts since High School.** (note transcripts are sent to the College of Nursing NOT the University- see application page)
- **Identify (2) individuals to provide Professional or Personal Recommendations**
- **Apply to UIC School Nursing Certificate Program:**  
<http://www.nursing.uic.edu/academics-admissions/school-nurse-certificate-program#how-to-apply>

**Application Deadlines: November 15<sup>th</sup> for Spring or July 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall**

Please follow directions as prompted, once your application is submitted you will receive additional information via email regarding uploading your supporting documentation



# Program Cost

The School Nurse Certificate program is a fully online program and students are assessed e-tuition rather than a tuition range with additional fees. **Online students pay one FLAT RATE.**

For 2017-18 academic year: \$830 Per Credit Hour <https://registrar.uic.edu/tuition/grad/>  
Scholarship Options:

- Evelyn Kahn Scholarship (CPS School Nurses only): <http://kahnscholarship.org/page31.aspx>
- Illinois Association of School Nurses: [www.iasn.org](http://www.iasn.org)
- National Association of School Nurses: [www.nasn.org](http://www.nasn.org)

For Financial Aid information contact: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/>



# Points of Emphasis

**Test Early:** It's NEVER too early to take an entrance exam, once passed they are good forever.

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In the body of the message write: **SUBSCRIBE CON-SNC**



Thank you !!

