## **Program Description:**

The School of Nursing offers a Graduate Certificate in School Nursing which reflects contemporary School Nursing practice from the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child perspective. Through the integration of the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) Framework for 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Nursing Practice, students are prepared for excellence and leadership in school nursing practice. The program contains two tracks: the Non-instructional Endorsement track and the Instructional Endorsement track, which prepare students to apply for certification with the New Jersey Department of Education.

## **Admission Requirements:**

In addition to the University's admission requirements:

- Proof of valid NJ RN license
- Baccalaureate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Presentation of evidence of having completed the following courses at an accredited four-year institution:
  - Physical Assessment with practicum (2 credit minimum with a grade of B or better)
  - Human Growth and Development or Lifespan Psychology (3 credit minimum)
  - Community/Public Health Nursing with clinical component (3 credit minimum)
- Professional Resume/CV
- TOEFL or IELTS scores (for applicants whose native language is not English). Exceptions can be made for students who have completed at least 6 credits of college level English courses from a U.S. institution, or who have submitted satisfactory SAT or ACT exam scores.

## **Program Requirements:**

- 12-16 credits
- Current professional liability insurance
- Current CPR/AED certification
- Criminal Background Check
- Current Physical Examination

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Required Courses for <b>Non-Instructional</b> Endorsement Track (12 credits)		
NURS 5520	School Nursing I	5 credits
NURS 5530	School Nursing II	5 credits
NURS 5540	School Nursing Practicum	2 credits
TOTAL CREDITS TO COMPLETE NON-INSTRUCTIONAL ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM: 12		
Required <b>Additional</b> Courses for <b>Instructional</b> Endorsement Track (4 credits)		
NURS 5503	School Nurse as Educator	2 credits
NURS 5511	School Health Education Practicum	2 credits
TOTAL CREDITS TO COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONAL ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM: 16		