

# NURSE EDUCATOR GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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<b>Program Code</b>	NSGED
<b>Campus(es)</b>	World Campus

The purpose of the Nurse Educator certificate is to provide nurses with a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing formal content in nursing education for those who plan to teach in a variety of educational and clinical settings.

**Effective Semester:** Spring 2022

**Expiration Semester:** Spring 2027

## Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's or higher degree in nursing from a U.S. regionally accredited institution or from an officially recognized degree-granting international institution. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>) must accompany the application. Prior to an applicant's admission, transcripts are evaluated by the Graduate Admissions Committee to ascertain the applicant's potential for successful completion of the core courses. A recommendation regarding admission is discussed with the Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research prior to making an offer of admission to this certificate program.

Applicants must hold a current license to practice professional nursing in the United States or a foreign country.

## Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

The certificate requires completion of three 3-credit graduate-level nurse educator didactic courses (9 credits); an optional 4-credit nurse educator practicum is available as well. All courses are delivered using distance technology and are available through the World Campus.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
NURS 840	Nursing Education Theories and Strategies	3
NURS 841	Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
NURS 842	Curriculum and Program Development in Nursing Education	3
<i>Optional Practicum Course</i>		
NURS 843	Synthesis and Application of the Nurse Educator Role	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

## Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

## Learning Outcomes

Provide essential knowledge, skills and abilities relevant to the nurse educator role for successful evidence-based application of a variety of educational and health care settings. Specific outcomes for students include:

1. Develop nursing curriculum based upon relevant contextual forces.
2. Design methods of assessment and evaluation of learning in classroom and clinical settings.
3. Evaluate evidence-based teaching strategies for classroom, clinical practice, and on-line educational settings.
4. Demonstrate multiple aspects of the nurse educator role in academic and/or health care settings.

## Contact

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