

NEW SCHOOL NURSE ORIENTATION

Friday, August 15, 2025

Virtual/Zoom

The New School Nurse Orientation brings together a faculty with experience in school health and other state experts. The workshop provides a comprehensive overview of policies and procedures, information about communicable diseases, immunizations, special health care needs, medication administration, and emergency procedures all founded on evidence-based practice. In addition, speakers will discuss the importance of school health as an essential component of the academic curriculum and its importance to student achievement. Participants will acquire information about their role and legal responsibilities as they pertain to the Iowa Nurse Practice Act, Educational Codes of Iowa, and the Scope and Standards of School Nurse Practice.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

NURSING CONTACT HOURS

The University of Iowa College of Nursing is an Iowa Board of Nursing approved provider: Number 1. With full-time attendance, 7.75 contact hours will be awarded. **Partial credit will not be given for this offering.**

REGISTRATION FEES AND REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS

Registration fee for the New School Nurse Orientation is \$75. If an applicant withdraws registration prior to opening of the workshop, the registration fee, less a \$25.00 handling charge, will be refunded. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE WORKSHOP HAS CONVENED.** The College of Nursing reserves the right to cancel the program due to lack of sufficient enrollment. Notification of a cancellation will be made one week prior to the program. In this case the entire registration fee will be refunded.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This orientation workshop will provide an introduction to the role of the school nurse in a coordinated school health program. Participants in this offering will have the opportunity to discuss federal and state laws impacting school health and identify resources for school health in Iowa's educational structure. Policies and procedures associated with school health and school nursing will be incorporated. Special focus will be on immunizations, school emergencies, and communicable diseases.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This workshop is appropriate for new school nurses as well as a review for experienced school nurses.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the offering participants should be able to:

1. Explain laws and standards impacting school health programs and the school nurse.
2. Examine Iowa's education structure as it pertains to the support of school health and school nursing.
3. Integrate evidence-based practice into one's school nurse practice.
4. Discuss the development and implementation of medication policies and procedures.
5. Describe the role of the school nurse in identifying, reporting and monitoring communicable diseases in the school setting.
6. Examine the current immunization schedule with application to school health.
7. Discuss the role of the school nurse in the management of common school health issues and emergencies.
8. Define your role as a school nurse in an interdisciplinary educational setting.

NEW SCHOOL NURSE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.	Zoom link opened
8:00	Opening of Workshop and Introductions
8:10	Overview to School Health Services – Melissa Walker
9:10	Student Medications and Student Plans – Melissa Walker
10:40	Break
11:00	Communicable Diseases – Scott Seltrecht
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Common Health Concerns in School Nurse Practice – Teri Schloss
1:30	Immunizations –Heather Meador
2:30	Break
2:45	Documentation- Sharon Guthrie
3:45	Break
4:00	Panel Presentation: Defining Your Role as a School Nurse –Sharon Guthrie, Teri Schloss and Melissa Walker
5:15	Wrap up and Adjourn

FACULTY

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