

Program Overview: STUDENT NURSE COMMUNITY CLINICIANS

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The *Student Nurse Community Clinicians (SNCC)* is an academic, volunteer program designed to introduce BSN & MSN-EIP students to a variety of *community* care settings in formal and/or informal care settings. Through participation in various events, students will gain hands-on experience and knowledge in community, public, and global population care while earning recognition for their dedication. Program benefits include: (1) Hands-on experience care outside of the hospital setting, (2) Networking opportunities with interdisciplinary professionals, and (3) Enhanced resume for job applications or graduate studies, (4) Potential job and/or service opportunities.

Program Structure:

1. Sign-up and Communication:

- Students will be added to the ICON site after they commit to joining the program. All event notifications and program updates will be sent through “course” announcements.

2. Events and Meetings:

- SNCC will hold 3 meetings per semester on a Friday afternoon at 3PM IN PERSON (dates TBD)
 - Meetings do not count towards total hours.
- Events will be organized by SNCC directors and community partners, but SNCC will offer *at least one* mentored event per month during the academic year.
 - Events may vary from a limited number of students (e.g., health fair) to large group events (e.g., AHA walks).
 - Students may identify activities that they are interested in participating in for approval.
- Students will sign up on ICON for events no later than 1 week prior to the event.
- Some events may be considered for excused absences and must be determined by directors.
- All students must turn in an hour's log to ICON monthly to receive certificates.

3. Levels and Achievements: This refers to the TOTAL time of your commitment to SNCC so joining earlier is beneficial!

**If you were accepted to the program prior to Fall 2025, you will receive a cord based on regular (monthly) participation throughout whatever length of time you have been involved.*

Level 1 (4 events or 4-8 hours): Student Nurse Community Clinician (SNCC) Volunteer

- Receive official SNCC title to add to resume and digital certificate of volunteer hours
- Attend the first SNCC meeting

**Level 1 students may only attend SNCC mentored events unless otherwise decided by directors*

Level 2 (8 events or 9-15 hours): SNCC Associate

- Title change and digital certificate of volunteer hours
- Attend 2/3 SNCC meetings, including the first (or more!)
- Ability to attend a financially sponsored large group event (Iowa Public Health Conference, Day on the Hill)
- Attendance at one of the bigger events (or find an alternate event)

Level 3 (12 events or 16+ hours): SNCC Lead

- Title change and digital certificate of volunteer hours
- Attend 3/3 SNCC meetings
- Graduation cord

- Ability to attend a financially sponsored large group event (Iowa Public Health Conference, Day on the Hill)
- Required:
 - Attendance at one of the bigger events (or find an alternate event)
 - Complete one leadership project (based on personal interest, decided with directors) to present to SNCC peers

4. Collaboration with other CON programs:

- Students interested in community research or scholarship will be connected with the Young Nurse Scientist and CON Honors program. Activities in these areas may count toward an “event” in SNCC. For example, presenting at MNRS would count as an event. These will be established on a case-by-case basis.
- **You may use these hours as Silver Cord Hours**