

OUR GRADUATE PROGRAMS OFFER CONVENIENCE AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Alvernia University provides you with more than theories and tools for a successful career. It provides you opportunities to discuss and apply what you have learned. If you join the M.Ed. or School Nurse Certification programs, you will find:

- **Incomparable personal attention** from your advisor and your professors.
- **Small classes** that promote interactive learning.
- **Tuition Deferment** if you are reimbursed by your employer.
- **Opportunity to network** with other adult students like yourself.
- **Multiple** sessions and start dates.

You'll also find our faculty and staff are committed to teaching, guiding, and supporting our graduate students in all aspects of their experience at Alvernia—from course selection and scheduling, to connecting with peers and colleagues, and balancing theory and practice through class discussion.

OUR FACULTY

It's simple: our engaging, dynamic faculty members are the heart of Alvernia. They enjoy the freedom to conduct scholarly and nursing research, but they are here because they love to teach, and they truly enjoy getting to know their graduate students. Many of our graduate professors not only teach but are active in the field of school health. They are attuned to the real-world needs of our graduate students, who are here to build upon their knowledge and skills.



**Terri Adams,
RN, MSN, CSN**
Assistant Professor of Nursing

"Alvernia's School Nurse Certification Program provides students with a relevant community-based learning experience from highly competent certified school nurses within school districts in Southeastern Pennsylvania who work collaboratively with faculty."

INSIDE ALVERNIA

While our core institutional values—*service, humility, collegiality, contemplation, and peacemaking*—extend from the faith of our Franciscan founders, they have a universal ethical appeal.

OTHER GRADUATE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

- Master in Business Administration (classroom and online delivery formats)
- Master of Education
- Secondary (Grades 7-12), Early Childhood (Grades Pre K-4), Special Education, School Nurse or Principal Graduate Certifications
- Master of Arts in Community Counseling
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
- Master in Science in Nursing
- Master in Science in Occupational Therapy
- Superintendent Letter of Eligibility
- Doctor of Philosophy with Concentrations in Education, Corporate, and Community Leadership

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about our M.Ed. program, to request an application, or to inquire about our deferred payment plan based on employer tuition reimbursement, please contact:

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Saturday, By Appointment



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MASTER OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL HEALTH
POST-BSN SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION

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An Education in the Franciscan Tradition



SEEKING PERSONAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

The Program in School Health Services leading to a Master of Education prepares Registered Nurses for the specialized practice of school nursing in the 21st Century. Today's school nurse is not only **RESPONSIBLE** for health care and case management for school students and staff, but they are also accountable for developing procedures that support safe and healthy learning environments. In addition, school nurses serve as **VITAL** team leaders in the schools to implement emergency preparedness, coordinated school health and school crisis intervention. They function as a liaison between school, home and community. You'll find that at Alvernia, our small class sizes provide **PERSONAL ATTENTION** from faculty and ensure comfortable classroom settings to help develop these skills. A graduate degree from Alvernia benefits you professionally, as well as the community you serve.



M.Ed./SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM MATRICULATION

Applicants to the Program in School Health Services leading to a Master of Education degree are accepted on a rolling admissions basis. Students accepted to this program with full graduate status will receive a written offer of admission that specifies the date of entrance into the graduate program. Students are accepted for a period of five years from the specified date. They may choose to pursue their program on a part-time basis.

M.Ed./SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES AND SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Students pursuing the Program in School Health Services leading to a Master of Education degree or Post Bachelor of Science in Nursing School Nurse Certification must hold a bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited four-year college or university and a current license as a registered nurse in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on all previous undergraduate and graduate coursework. In addition, undergraduate credits must include six credits in mathematics, six credits in composition and literature, and three credits of educational psychology.

FLEXIBLE COURSE OFFERINGS

Alvernia provides a two-year planning schedule to help plan your courses around your life, not the other way around. You can take the classes you want when you can fit them in. Saturday and weeknight class sessions offer additional flexibility.

ACCREDITATION AND SCHOOL NURSE CERTIFICATION

Alvernia's Program in School Health Services leading to a Master of Education degree or Post Bachelor of Science in Nursing School Nurse Certification programs are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. State certification is required in Pennsylvania to work as a certified school nurse in the public school system. Many private and parochial institutions also require their nurses to possess the appropriate state certification. For current certification requirements, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education Web site: www.pde.state.pa.us.



“This innovative program in School Health Services provides an opportunity to explore the issues that are important to school health and promote a healthier environment for K-12 students.”

Deborah Greenawald, Ph.D., RN, Certified School Nurse
Director of the Program in School Health Services leading to a Master of Education degree

AN ALVERNIA DEGREE IS MUCH MORE THAN A CREDENTIAL



Mary Ann Razzano '10

“I’ve been a school nurse for ten years, and Alvernia has provided the opportunity for me to obtain a Bachelor’s in Nursing with School Nurse Certification. Now I am enrolled in the M.Ed. in School Health Services. The program has helped me enhance both my skills as a school nurse and the education necessary for advancement in my career. Of course, my achievements would not have happened if it was not for the expert assistance and advice of faculty and staff.”

Earning a Master of Education degree with a focus in School Health Services at Alvernia means much more than obtaining a credential. At Alvernia, we measure our success by our graduates’ personal and professional satisfaction, and by the many ways they contribute to the greater good in all areas of society. Our graduates contribute substantially to the education and health care professions in Berks County, surrounding communities, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and beyond. Employers trust our program and the quality of our graduates, so when it comes to landing the right job, a graduate degree from Alvernia is not only a credential, but a platform to the job you want.

Our School Nurse Certification Program

In addition to our full Master of Education degree, we offer a School Nurse Certification Program. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is required for this option.

The Post-BSN School Nurse Certification Program fully integrates national standards of the Standards of Professional School Nurse Practice and Standards of Professional School

services leading to an M.Ed. offers students the most important to their work and that will help them succeed in 2 pupils in which to learn and succeed.”

School Nurse ■ Assistant Professor of Nursing
of Education and the Post-BSN School Nurse Certification Program

ALVERNIA M.ED.: EARNING A CREDENTIAL

Nurse Practice: Applications in the Field. The curriculum is designed so that students can demonstrate knowledge and professional skills for providing health care needs to children and youth in grades K through 12.

PAYING FOR AN ALVERNIA EDUCATION

An Alvernia education remains an excellent value in the higher education marketplace. Financial planning counselors can provide information about loans to help make your education affordable. Also, we offer a deferred payment plan for graduate students who are eligible for reimbursement from their employer. Once you are an Alvernia graduate student, the Office of Student Financial Planning continues to assist you with financing your education and more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website for details about the course schedule and descriptions, to apply online, or to learn more about our main and satellite locations, faculty, and innovative programs that meet the needs of graduate students like you.

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO ALVERNIA

Please visit us at www.alvernia.edu for clear, specific local and regional directions.



COME VISIT US!

We invite you to visit Alvernia University in person. Spending time here and talking to a Graduate Coordinator are the best ways to know if we are the right fit for you. Our daytime, evening, and Saturday hours provide convenient opportunities for a personal visit. Once you have decided to apply to Alvernia, our supportive staff will help you along the way with the entire admission process. To arrange a visit, please contact our Graduate Admissions by phone or email.

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GET YOUR DEGREE ON TIME AND ON TARGET.

With several formats a year, our M.Ed. and school nurse certification programs let you earn your degree at a faster pace than traditional programs. We offer a flexible schedule so students can continue working full-time while obtaining their M.Ed. degree or School Nurse Certification. Because classes are small, instructors are available to give more personal support, both in and out of the classroom.

