

Public Health Nursing Certification

Upon graduation from the RN to BSN Program a student is eligible to apply for a life-time Public Health Certificate issued by the state of California Board of Registered Nursing to active California licensed Registered Nurses.

Training in the detection, prevention, reporting requirements and treatment of child neglect and abuse is 7 hours in length, includes prevention and early detection techniques and is incorporated into the Community Population Course (NSG 444).

Students may apply for the Public Health Nursing Certificate after receiving their BSN degree. It is the student's responsibility to apply for the certificate.

Further information and the application form may be found at the California Board of Registered Nursing website at www.rn.ca.gov. Below is the process that students should follow.

1. The first step to obtain the Public Health Nurse Certificate is to click the link below and complete the PHN Application (pages 6-8). Scan and e-mail the signature page 8, to Ron Cunanan at rcunanan@nu.edu in a pdf format so that it can be routed to the Department Chair for signature.

Application link: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/applicants/phn-app.pdf>

2. After the Department Chair signature is obtained, the signed page will be scanned and e-mailed back to the graduate. If pick up in person is desired at the San Diego office please coordinate with Ron, rcunanan@nu.edu.

3. The graduate will also need to request an official NU transcript for \$5. (www.getmytranscript.com). Select National University on the drop-down menu and enter the requested information. The document may be mailed or picked up in person on the same day (in San Diego, CA).

4. The following items must be sent to the Board of Nursing:

- Pages 6-8 of the PHN Application
- A check or cashier's check of \$150 written out to the 'Board of Nursing' (memo: Public Health Nursing)
- An official sealed National University Transcript

5. Mailing address for the PHN Application:

Board of Registered Nursing
Attention: PHN Evaluator
1747 North Market Boulevard Suite 150
Sacramento, CA 95834