

School Nurse Professional Certification Regulations by State

National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN) endorses certification by examination for all school nurses.

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Alabama

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Alabama Requirements

Section 34-21-22

- An applicant for a license to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board written evidence of qualification, verified by oath, that the applicant is of good moral character, is a high school graduate and holds a diploma from an accredited high school, or in the opinion of the board, the equivalent thereof, has successfully completed an educational program of at least one year's duration in a school of practical nursing, approved by the board, and is a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.
- A license to practice as a licensed practical nurse may be obtained in the following manners:
 - BY EXAMINATION. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination on such subjects as the board may determine; and, upon successfully passing such examination, the board shall issue such applicant a license.
 - BY ENDORSEMENT. The board may issue a license to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a licensed practical nurse (irrespective of the title or designation granted when such license was issued) under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country, if, in the opinion of the board, such applicant meets the requirements for licensed practical nurses in this state at the time of his or her graduation. There shall be no license to practice practical nursing granted by the previously known waiver method.
 - BY TEMPORARY PERMIT. The board may issue a temporary permit to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse to graduates of approved schools of practical nursing pending the completion of licensing procedures in Alabama and to qualified applicants pending licensing procedures under subdivision (2).

Alabama Continued

Section 610-X-4-.03

- The Board shall determine the official examination for licensure.
- Each individual seeking entry into practice as a licensed nurse in Alabama shall give official evidence of having met a passing standard on the Board-designated official licensing examination.
- Examination performance for each applicant shall be measured as provided by the Board-approved testing service. In the event that examination data are lost or destroyed through circumstances beyond the control of the Board, the applicant shall be required to retake the examination in order to meet requirements for licensure.

Please visit <https://www.abn.alabama.gov/laws/> for more information.

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Alaska

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Alaska Requirements

Section 08.68.160

- License required. A person practicing or offering to practice registered, advanced practice registered, or practical nursing in the state shall submit evidence of qualification to practice and shall be licensed under this chapter.

Section 08.68.190

- An applicant for a license to practice
 - (1) registered or practical nursing shall pass a registered nursing or practical nursing licensing examination as prescribed by the board;
 - (2) advanced practice registered nursing shall pass an advanced practice registered nursing certification examination as prescribed by the board.

(b) If an applicant meets the qualifications set out in AS 08.68.170 for the license for which the applicant applied, the board shall issue a license to practice

 - (1) registered or practical nursing to an applicant who passes the licensing examination to practice registered or practical nursing; or
 - (2) advanced practice registered nursing to an applicant who passes the advanced practice registered nursing certification examination to practice advanced practice registered nursing.

Please visit

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing/NursingStatutesandRegulations.aspx> for more information.

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Arizona

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Arizona Requirements

Current RN license in good standing or multistate privilege to practice as an RN in Arizona
Section 32-1633

- An applicant shall pass an examination in subjects relating to the duties and services of a registered nurse taught in an approved registered nursing program as the board determines.
- If an applicant successfully passes the examination and meets the other requirements established pursuant to this chapter, the board shall issue a license to practice registered nursing to the applicant.

Initial Certification Requirements:

1. Three semester hours in school nurse practice course work;
 2. Three semester hours in physical assessment of the school-aged child course work unless the applicant provides evidence of current national certification from an organization that meets the requirements for a pediatric nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, or pediatric clinical nurse specialist; and
 3. Three semester hours in nursing care of the child with special needs
- OR**
4. Current National Certification as a school nurse or school nurse practitioner by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification.

Please visit <https://www.azbn.gov/licensure-certification/school-nurse/> for more information.

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Arkansas

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 Little Rock, AR 72204-1619

Phone: (501)-686-2700

Arkansas Requirements

Section 17-87-301

- Before taking the examination or before the issuance of a license by endorsement, an applicant for a license to practice professional nursing shall submit to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant:
 - (1) Is of good moral character;
 - (2) Has completed an approved high school course of study or the equivalent thereof as determined by the appropriate educational agency; and
 - (3) Has completed the required approved professional nursing education program.
- Issuance of License. A license to practice as a registered nurse may be issued:
 - (1) By Examination. The applicant shall be required to pass an examination in such subjects as the board may determine. Upon successfully passing the examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse;
 - (2) By Endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse by endorsement to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another state, territory, or foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of registered nurses in this state at the time of graduation and if the board so recommends.

School Nurse Certification:

- National Board for Certification of School Nurses (NBCSN)
 Phone: 1-833-276-0986
www.nbcsn.org

Please visit <http://www.arsbn.org/continuing-education-asbn-approved-certifications> for more information.

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California

California Board of Registered Nursing
P.O. Box 944210
Sacramento, CA 94244-2100

Phone: (916) 322-3350

California Requirements

Section 80050

Applicants must apply through a California college or university with an accredited school nurse program and must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Hold a preliminary School Nurse Services Credential
- Complete two years of successful experience as a school nurse (If the preliminary School Nurse Credential was issued on or before July 1, 1981, this experience is not required.)
- Complete an approved school nurse program (The application must include the formal recommendation of the college or university where the program was completed.)

Please visit <https://www.csno.org/school-nurse-credentialing-programs.html> for more information.

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Colorado

Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203

Phone: (303)-866-6600

Colorado Requirements

School nurses must hold a Colorado Department of Education license as a special services provider with a school nurse endorsement. The requirement is a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing and a current DORA license as an RN.

Section 2260.5-R-2.00

- General Licensing Regulations. The Colorado Department of Education has the sole authority to issue educator licenses and authorizations. Pursuant to 22-63-201 and 22-32-126, C.R.S., a Colorado license or authorization is required for employment as a teacher, special services provider, or principal in a Colorado School District or school.
- E.C.E.A. rules also require that all related services personnel including school nurses must hold a CDE Special Services license.

Please visit https://www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/snh_professionalschoolnursing for more information.

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Connecticut

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Connecticut Requirements

Section 10-212-2.

Qualification of a School Nurse

- in order to qualify as a school nurse each nurse or nurse practitioner shall meet the following requirements:
 - Licensure—Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall be a registered professional nurse, designated as R.N., as defined in Section 20-87a of the General Statutes, and currently licensed in the state of Connecticut.
 - Experience—Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall have at least the equivalent of one-year full time working experience as a registered nurse within five (5) years immediately prior to employment as a school nurse.
 - Education—Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall have academic preparation to include twelve (12) academic credits at a licensed or accredited institution of higher learning or eighteen (18) continuing education units (CEUs) or one hundred eighty (180) workshop or in service hours distributed as follows:
 - (1) Six (6) credits or nine (9) CEUs or ninety (90) workshop hours in at least two of the following subject areas:
 - Growth and Development
 - Health Assessment
 - Public or Community Health or School Health
 - (2) Six (6) credits or nine (9) CEUs or ninety (90) workshop hours in two or more of the following subject areas:
 - Administration or Organization of Health or School Services
 - Child or Adolescent Psychology
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Growth and Development
 - Handicapping Conditions
 - Health Assessment
 - Health Education
 - Mental Health
 - Public or Community Health or School Health
 - Sociology
 - Sports Medicine

Please visit <http://portal.ct.gov/SDE/School-Nursing/School-Nursing/Regulations> for more information.

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Delaware

School Health Services Program Office
 Delaware Department of Education
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 Dover, DE 19901

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Delaware Requirements

Section 1582

- This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 Del.C. §1220(a), for School Nurse. This certification is required for all School Nurses providing services to children within the Delaware public school system
- In accordance with 14 Del.C. §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a School Nurse to an educator who has met the following:
 - Holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License; or a Limited Standard, Standard or Professional Status Certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003; and,
 - Has met the requirements as set forth in 14 DE Admin. Code 1505, Standard Certificate including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto: and
 - Has satisfied the additional requirements in this regulation.
- An educator must also have met the following additional education and licensure requirements:
 - Holds a Bachelor's degree in Nursing (BSN) from a regionally accredited college or university; and,
 - Holds and maintains a current Registered Nurse license, recognized by the Delaware Board of Nursing; and,
 - Holds and maintains a valid and current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and in the use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED); and,
 - Completes by the end of the second school year after date of hire, ninety (90) clock hours of training approved by the Department consisting of standards of practice, care coordination, leadership, quality improvement, and community/public health based off of the Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice.
 - An educator must also have met the following experience requirement:
 - Has completed a minimum of three (3) years of supervised clinical nursing experience.

Please visit <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/2865> for more information.

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Florida

Department of Health
Board of Nursing
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-02
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252

Phone: (850) 245-4125

Florida Requirements

Florida does not offer a state certification for school nurses. However, the School Health Services Program Office recommends and encourages school nurses to obtain National School Nurse Certification.

Must be a licensed Registered Nurse:
Section 464.008

- The requirements for licensure by examination include:
 - Graduation from a Florida approved or accredited nursing education program as defined in Section 464.003, F.S.
 - Graduation from an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accredited nursing program that has been issued an NCLEX code by NCSBN.
 - Graduation from a nursing education program that is approved or recognized by the jurisdiction in which it is based and that has been issued an NCLEX code by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).
 - Graduation from a military nursing education program that has been issued an NCLEX code by NCSBN.
 - Graduation from a generic Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or higher program that has been issued an NCLEX code by NCSBN.
 - Graduation from a non-NCSBN jurisdiction, i.e. Puerto Rico, or international nursing education program that the board determines to be equivalent to an approved program (NON-NCSBN/International Grads)
 - Canadian Registered Nurses who took the Canadian Nurses Association Testing Service (CNATS) Examination after August 8, 1995, must take the NCLEX Examination unless licensed in another state or territory. If test scores are in an acceptable range, Canadian Registered Nurse applicants who took the CNATS prior to August 8, 1995, may be eligible for endorsement. Unless licensed in another U.S. state or territory, or have taken the NCLEX, Canadian Licensed Practical Nurses are required to apply by examination.

Please visit <http://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/licensed-practical-nurse-registered-nurse-by-examination/> or <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/school-health/school-health-program.html> for more information.

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Georgia

Georgia Department of Education
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334

Phone: (404) 656-2800

Georgia Requirements

20-2-771.2

- Requires each local board of education to establish policies and procedures for a school health nurse program
- Schools should utilize registered nurses, licensed practical nurses or health assistants
- Registered nurses must have:
 - Valid state license
 - Completion of a graduation from a nursing education program
 - Passing of a board approved examination
- Licensed practical nurses must have:
 - State LPN license
- Health assistants must have:
 - High school diploma certificate, preferably in a health related field

Please visit http://www.nasbe.org/healthy_schools/hs/bytopics.php?topicid=2130 for more information.

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Hawaii

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Honolulu, HI 96813

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Hawaii Requirements

Registered Professional Nurses II, III, IV, V, VI

Basic Education/Experience Requirements:

- For nursing positions in a hospital, institutional or clinical setting, applicants must have graduated from an accredited school of nursing.
- For public health nursing positions, all applicants must meet one of the requirements below:
 - Graduation with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university school of nursing which included in its curriculum course work that provided public health nursing principles.
 - Graduation from an accredited school of nursing supplemented by completion of an accredited university curriculum which included course work that provided public health nursing principles and practices for which certificate was awarded.
 - Graduation from an accredited school of nursing plus two years of professional public health nursing work experience.

Experience Requirements:

- Nurse II – 0 years
- Nurse III – 6 months
- Nurse IV – 1 ½ years
- Nurse V – 2 ½ years
- Nurse IV – 3 ½ years

License to practice as a professional nurse in the state of Hawaii is also required.

Please visit

<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/Civil%20Service%20Job%20Classifications/Nurse2.pdf> for more information.

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Idaho

State Department of Education
Teacher Certification
PO Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0027

Phone: (208) 332-6800

Contact: info@sde.idahho.gov

Idaho Requirements:

Applicants for the School Nurse endorsement should hold a current, valid Registered Nurse (RN) license with the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses.

For School Nurse – Copy of the Registered Nurse (RN) license and official transcript.

- If your state does not issue hard copy certificates, include a copy printed from its website verifying your certification. This copy does not need to be notarized.

When all required documents for a certificate are received and the fingerprinting/criminal history background investigation check is completed, the applicant will be issued an interim certificate valid for three (3) years, a cycle beginning September 1 of the year issued, unless otherwise specified, and expiring August 31 of the appropriate year. The applicant is then eligible to work in an Idaho school in the certificated/endorsed area indicated on the interim certificate.

Please visit <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/sn-slp.html> for more information.

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Illinois

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Western Springs, IL 60558

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Illinois Requirements

Requirements for the School Service Personnel Professional Educator License with endorsement in School Nursing-

- Baccalaureate degree
- Licensed as a registered professional nurse in Illinois
- Passage of the Test of Academic Proficiency through the Illinois State Board of Education OR a score of 22 or above on the ACT with at least a score of 6 on the Writing component OR a score of 1110 and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language.
- Completion of an approved school nurse certification program for entitlement recommendation for Professional Educator License with endorsement in school nursing.
- 300-hour internship under supervision of a fully qualified school nurse. (NOTE: As of July 1, 1981, the school nurse internship must be provided by an institution of higher education, i.e. college or university, as part of an approved program; the internship requirement usually amounts to a ten (10) week experience, supplemented by one or more seminars.
- Passage of the School Nurse Content examination through the Illinois State Board of Education

All candidates must successfully complete examinations administered by the State Teacher Licensing Board before a Professional Educator License endorsed in school nursing will be issued.

Please visit <https://iasn.org/services/licensure-endorsement/> for more information.

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Indiana

Indiana Department of Education
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 Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Indiana Requirements

To be considered for an evaluation, you must possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree (master's degree for school services and administrative licensure) from an institution regionally accredited to offer degrees in education OR be a graduate of a regionally accredited institution and meet the education requirements for your state. Coursework in School Service Standards will also be required. Meeting minimum requirements for evaluation does NOT guarantee issuance of an Indiana instructional, administrative or school services license.

- Must apply for a School Nurse License-
 - Complete a profile, application and pay for the application through our online Licensing Verification and Information System, LVIS.
 - A copy of your valid Indiana Professional Licensing Agency License.
 - A copy of your CPR/Heimlich maneuver certification - click [HERE](#) for more information and a list of approved providers.
 - After July 1, 2013-- Suicide Prevention Training Certificate. Click here for a link to resources.
 - Official transcripts that bear the sign and/or seal of the registrar, the degree and date conferred. Provide transcripts for ALL completed coursework at ALL institutions attended. Transcripts must be included with evaluation materials. Do NOT order transcripts to be sent directly to the Office of Educator Licensing and Development.

Please visit <https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/school-services-licensure-school-nurse> for more information.

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Iowa

Iowa Board of Nursing
400 S.W. 8th Street
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Des Moines, IA 50309

Phone: (515) 281-3255

Iowa Requirements

The Iowa school nurse holds a current registered nursing license recognized by the Iowa board of nursing to professionally practice, promote, and protect the health of the school population using knowledge from the nursing, social, and public health sciences.

Registered Nurse Licensure in Iowa:

- Graduation from a board-approved RN or LPN nursing program. (RN Program applicants or RN graduates who did NOT complete or graduate from an LPN Program are NOT eligible to take the LPN Examination.)
- Prior to issuing the license, any past felony convictions or record of prior disciplinary action, regardless of jurisdiction, must be reviewed and approved by the board.
- Passing NCLEX examination as prescribed by the board.
- The following items are required before authorization to test can be issued:
 - Completed Application for Exam (either Online or on Paper)
 - Two Completed Fingerprint Cards and Signed Waiver Form. All Fingerprint Cards submitted MUST be the two cards received from the Iowa Board of Nursing office or directly from your Nursing Program. This is a requirement of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations. (All applications will be returned if received without the correct Fingerprint Cards.)

Please visit

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/rules?agency=655&chapter=3&pubDate=05-22-2019> or

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/rules?agency=655&chapter=6&pubDate=09-30-2015> for more information.

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Kansas

Kansas State Legislation
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Topeka, KS 66612-1504

Phone: (785) 296-2391

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Kansas Requirements:

Article 11 Regulation of Nursing

- **65-1115. Licensure of professional nurses; qualifications of applicants; examination; refresher course; renewal license; title and abbreviation; temporary permit; exempt license.**
- *Qualifications of applicants.* An applicant for a license to practice as a registered professional nurse shall:
 - Have graduated from an approved school of professional nursing in the United States or its territories or from a school of professional nursing in a foreign country which is approved by the board as defined in rules and regulations;
 - have obtained other qualifications not in conflict with this act as the board may prescribe by rule and regulation; and
 - file with the board written application for a license.
- *Applicant deficient in qualifications.* If the board finds in evaluating any applicant that such applicant is deficient in qualification or in the quality of such applicant's educational experience, the board may require such applicant to fulfill such remedial or other requirements as the board may prescribe.
- *License.*
 - The board shall issue a license to an applicant to practice as a registered professional nurse who has:
 - Met the qualifications set forth in subsections (a) and (b);
 - passed a written examination as prescribed by the board; and
 - no disqualifying factors under K.S.A. 65-1120, and amendments thereto.

The board may issue a license to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a registered professional nurse by examination under the laws of another state or territory if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of a registered professional in this state. Verification of the applicant's licensure status shall be required from the original state of licensure.

Please visit

http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/statute/065_000_0000_chapter/065_011_0000_article/065_011_0015_section/065_011_0015_k/ for more information.

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Kentucky

Kentucky Legislature
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Phone: (502) 564-8100

Kentucky Requirements

16 KAR 2:060. School nurse

- Requirements for the Provisional Certificate for School Nurse.
 - The provisional certificate for school nurse shall be issued upon application to the Education Professional Standards Board using the "Form TC-1, Application for Kentucky Certification or Change in Salary Rank".
 - The Provisional Certificate for School Nurse shall be issued for a period of five (5) years to an individual upon application and submission of proof of the following:
 - A valid license as a registered nurse issued by the Kentucky Board of Nursing
 - A minimum of a diploma or Associate's Degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing; and
 - A minimum of three (3) years of nursing experience within the last five (5) years.
 - The Provisional Certificate for School Nurse shall be renewed for subsequent five (5) year periods upon application using "Form TC-2, Application for Certificate Renewal/Duplicate", and upon submission of proof of the following:
 - A valid license as a registered nurse from the Kentucky Board of Nursing; and
 - Fifteen (15) credit hours of coursework from an accredited Bachelor of Science program in nursing or a related field leading to a Professional Certificate for School Nurse.
 - The Provisional Certificate for School Nurse shall be issued at Rank III.

Please visit <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/> for more information.

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Louisiana

Louisiana School Nurse Organization, Inc.

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Louisiana Requirements

Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel

Chapter 4. Ancillary School Service Certificates

A. Type C School Nurse—valid for three years.

1. Eligibility requirements:

- a. current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse; and
- b. minimum of two years' experience as a registered nurse.

2. Renewal Guidelines. May be renewed once for a three-year period, upon presentation of a copy of current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse and upon request of Louisiana employing authority.

B. Type B School Nurse—valid for five years.

1. Eligibility requirements:

- a. current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse; and
- b. three years of experience as a type C school nurse.

2. Renewal Guidelines. May be renewed once for a five-year period, upon presentation of a copy of current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse and upon request of Louisiana employing authority.

C. Type A School Nurse—valid for five years.

1. Eligibility requirements:

- a. current Louisiana licensure as a registered professional nurse;
- b. baccalaureate degree in nursing or a health-related field from a regionally accredited college or university; and
- c. five years' experience as a certified type B school nurse.

Please visit <http://www.l sno.org/resources/certification> for more information.

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Maine

Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0023

Phone: (207) 624-6600

Maine Requirements

Requirements for the School Nurse Certificate K-12 (524)

- You will be issued for a five year professional certificate if you have completed all sections below and have a Bachelor's degree conferred.
 - Valid Maine Registered Professional Nurse license
 - Completed a minimum of three years' experience as a nurse. At least one year of this experience shall have been within the five years prior to initial application for this certificate.
 - Matriculated into a bachelor's degree program from an accredited college or university.
 - Criminal history record check approval – based on fingerprints

Please visit <https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert/requirements> for more information.

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Maryland

Maryland Board of Nursing
4140 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215-2254

Phone: (888) 202-9861

Maryland Requirements

- Requires the completion of an approved registered nursing program or an approved practical nursing program and the passing of the board approved licensing examination to be qualified as a registered nurse. In Maryland, the registered nurse (RN) is always the leader of the school health *nursing* team.
 - only the school registered nurse has the authority to use the title school nurse
- The Maryland Board of Nursing requires School Health Nurses (public and nonpublic) to complete a Case Manager/Delegating Nurse training program.

Please visit http://www.nasbe.org/healthy_schools/hs/bytopics.php?topicid=2130 or <http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DSFSS/SSSP/SHS/HTSN.aspx> for more information.

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Massachusetts

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Educator Licensure
75 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Phone: (781) 338-3391

Massachusetts Requirements

School nurses practicing in Massachusetts public schools are required to hold current MA Registered Nurse (RN) and a Professional Support Personnel licenses issued by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

- DESE grants licensure to school nurses based on nurse standards of practice and credentialing as recognized by:
 - American Nurses Association (ANA)
 - National Association of School Nurses (NASN)
 - Massachusetts School Nurses Association (MSNO)
 - proven competency on Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL).

Please visit <http://www.mass.gov/edu/government/departments-and-boards/ese/programs/educator-effectiveness/licensure/academic-prek-12/professional-support-personnel/> or <http://www.msno.org/membership/licensure/> for more information.

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Michigan

Michigan Department of Education
2260 Medbury Street
Detroit, MI 48211

Phone: (313) 978-7483

Michigan Requirements

Section 623 of Act No. 269 – R 340.1166

- An application for school nurse certification shall be directed to the department of education on a form supplied or approved by the department.
- Credits beyond those required for a registered nurse, to be applied toward certification as a school nurse, shall be earned through an approved teacher education or nursing education institution program or accepted by the institution in transfer. The state board of education shall determine the acceptability of credits leading toward programs approved by it.
- A registered nurse with a currently valid license issued by the state board of nursing employed as a school nurse by an employing school district for a period of not less than 1 school year prior to June 30, 1975, and whose experience is successful as determined by the state board of education upon the recommendation of the employing school district, is eligible for a professional school nurse certificate.

Please visit

https://dmbinternet.state.mi.us/DMB/ORRDocs/AdminCode/565_10537_AdminCode.pdf for more information.

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Minnesota

Minnesota Board of Nursing
2829 university Avenue SE Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Phone: (612) 317-3000

Contact: Nursing.Board@state.mn.us

Minnesota Requirements

To be a licensed school nurse (LSN) in Minnesota, a nurse must obtain a school nurse license issued by the Minnesota Board of Teaching Board of Teachings requirements for licensure as a school nurse:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited college or university;
- Be currently registered in Minnesota to practice as a licensed registered nurse under the Board of Nursing; and
- Be currently registered in Minnesota as a public health nurse under the Board of Nursing.

Please visit <https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/practice/nursing-practice-topics/obtain-school-nurse-license.jsp> for more information.

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Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Education
359 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201
Phone: (601) 359-3513

Mississippi Requirements

Requirements:

- Qualified to practice as a Registered Nurse and hold an unrestricted license
- Hold certifications in CPR or BLS (or obtain within the first 12 months of hire)

Recommendations:

- Possess a minimum of 3 years' experience in the nursing profession
- Hold a B.S.N. or Registered Nurse with a bachelor's degree in a related discipline
- Be a National Board Certified Nurse

Please visit

https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/documents/OHS/Procedures_Manual_2018.pdf for more information.

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Missouri

Marjorie Cole, MSN, RN
State School Nurse Consultant
Missouri Department of Health & Human Services
(314) 877-2848
Marjorie.cole@health.mo.gov

Recommendations:

- Licensure as a Registered Nurse
- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

*There are currently no federal or state laws specifying academic or training preparation needed to work as a school nurse.

Please visit https://mokidscount.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/School-Nurses-1_Final_11.16.15.pdf for additional information.

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Montana

Montana Secretary of State
Administrative Rules Services
P.O. Box 202801
Helena, MT 59620-2801

Phone: (406) 444-9000

Contact: sosarm@mt.gov

Montana Requirements

Rule: 10.57.501

SOCIAL WORKERS, NURSES AND SPEECH AND HEARING THERAPISTS

- Professionals such as social workers, nurses and speech and hearing therapists who are teaching in a classroom must have a teaching license appropriate for the level(s) and area(s) taught.
- Speech and hearing therapists engaged in school services in the public schools of Montana who issued grades or credits in the pupil's school program must be licensed under the regularly established teacher licensure requirements in speech and hearing association.

*School nurses are not mandated by Montana Law.

Please visit <http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?RN=10%2E57%2E501> or <https://dphhs.mt.gov/schoolhealth/schoolnurse> for more information.

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Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
P.O. Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

Phone: (402) 471-2295

Nebraska Requirements

No state requirement to have school nurses

Schools have the option to hire RN, LPN or unlicensed person to staff health office.

Special Service certificate for School Nurses

007.02 School Nurse

007.02A Grade Levels: PK-12

007.02B Endorsement Type: Special Services

007.02C Persons with this endorsement may practice school nursing for students prekindergarten through grade 12.

007.02D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement shall require a current Nebraska license as a Registered Nurse from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services or another state participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact as defined in Section 71-1795 R.R.S.

Please visit https://2x9dwr1yq1he1dw6623gg411-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Rule24_2017-with-Links.pdf for more information.

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Nevada

Nevada Department of Education
 Educator Licensure
 700 E. Fifth Street
 Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: (775) 687-5980

Nevada Requirements NAC 391.305

- **To receive an endorsement as a school nurse, a person *must*:**
 - Complete the following required testing (or equivalent testing administered in another state):
 - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators
 Please [visit the Praxis testing website](#) for further testing information.
 - Complete three (3) semester credits in a course of study regarding parental involvement and family engagement.
 - Hold a valid license issued by the Nevada State Board of Nursing as a registered nurse and meet one of the following requirements:
 - A. Have a bachelor's degree and have completed an educational program that grants postgraduate certificates in school nursing from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
 - B. Have a bachelor's degree and certification as a school nurse from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses;
 - C. Hold a bachelor's degree in nursing from a college or university baccalaureate program in nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; or
 - D. Hold a bachelor's degree and certification from the American Nurses Association or from the Nevada State Board of Nursing as a family nursing practitioner, pediatric nursing practitioner, school nursing practitioner, or school nursing generalist.

Please visit http://www.doe.nv.gov/Educator_Licensure/ for more information.

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New Hampshire

State of New Hampshire
 Department of Education Credentialing
 101 Pleasant Street
 Concord, NH 03301

Phone: (603) 271-2409

Contact: cert.info@doe.nh.gov

New Hampshire Requirements

RSA 200:29 School Health Services

- **Required for all School Nurse certifications:**
 - copy of registered nurse license
 - application for School Nurse Certification
<https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/index.htm>
- **School Nurse I**
 - Official transcripts: Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN)
 - Employment Verification Letter: 3 years' clinical pediatric nursing experience or related work experience under a valid RN license
- **School Nurse II** (for candidates employed as a school nurse on or before July 1, 2016 only)
 - employment verification letter of a hire date as a school nurse on or before July 1, 2016
- **School Nurse III**
 - Official Transcripts: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree or higher
 - Employment Verification Letter: 3 years' clinical pediatric nursing experience or related work experience under a valid RN license

Please visit <https://www.education.nh.gov/certification/documents/school-nurse-memo.pdf> for more information.

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New Jersey

New Jersey State School Nurses Association
1479 Pennington Road
Trenton, NJ 08618

Phone: (609) 233-2466

New Jersey Requirements

N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-14.3 School Nurse

- (a) The school nurse endorsement authorizes the holder to perform nursing services and to teach in areas related to health in public schools in preschool through grade 12.
- (b) To be eligible for the standard educational services certificate with a school nurse endorsement, a candidate shall hold or complete the following professional licenses, degrees, certifications, and training:
 1. A current New Jersey registered professional nurse license issued by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing;
 2. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
 3. A current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) certification as issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council, or other entities determined by the Department of Health to comply with the American Heart Association's CPR guidelines; and
 4. Complete training in airway management and in the use of nebulizers and inhalers consistent with nationally recognized standards, including, but not limited to, those of the National Institutes of Health and the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology.
- (c) The candidate shall also complete either a Department-approved college curriculum for the preparation of school nurses or a program of studies, with a minimum of 21 semester hour credits that includes study in the following topics:
 1. A minimum of six semester-hour credits in school nursing, including school health services, physical assessments, organization and administration of the school health program, and clinical experience in a school nurse office;
 2. Health assessment;
 3. Special education and/or learning disabilities;
 4. Methods of teaching health in preschool through grade 12 including curriculum development;
 5. Public health, including public health nursing, community health problems, and communicable disease control;
 6. Guidance and counseling; and
 7. School law, including legal aspects of school nursing.
- (d) During the initial three years of employment under this endorsement, the holder of a school nurse endorsement shall engage in a minimum of 20 hours of professional development in each of the following: human growth and development; substance abuse
- (e) and dependency; and human and intercultural relations. The professional development

New Jersey continued

- (f) requirements shall be incorporated into each endorsement holder's professional development plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9C-3.

Please visit <http://www.njssna.org/resources/certification> for more information.

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New Mexico

New Mexico Public Education Department
 Licensure Bureau and Federal Programs
 120 S. Federal Place
 Santa Fe, NM 87501

Phone: (505) 827-7436

New Mexico Requirements

A school nurse license authorizes a qualified individual to provide services defined in the New Mexico guidelines, regulations, and statutes governing nursing and school health, as well as local school district policy

- Associate School Nurse (701)
 - Official sealed transcripts with Associate's degree conferred from a regionally accredited college or university or from an institution accredited by the National League of Nursing or a diploma program in nursing accredited by the National League of Nursing or compact license; and
 - A copy of a current RN license issued by the New Mexico Nursing Board
- Professional school Nurse (702)
 - Official sealed Transcripts with a Bachelor's degree conferred from a regionally accredited college or university or from an institution accredited by the National League of Nursing; and
 - A copy of a current RN license issued by the New Mexico Nursing Board or compact license.
- Supervisory School Nurse (703)
 - Official sealed transcripts with a Master's degree conferred from a regionally accredited college or university or from an institution accredited by the National League of Nursing; and
 - A copy of a current RN license issued by the New Mexico Nursing Board or compact license.

Please visit <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/how-to-apply/school-nurse-pre-k-12/> for more information.

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New York

New York State Education Department
Office of Teaching Initiatives
89 Washington Ave, 5N EB
Albany, NY 12234

New York Requirements

Individual Evaluation Pathway

- The individual evaluation pathway is for candidates who have not completed an approved teacher preparation program or whose application is not based on a valid teaching certificate from another state or US territory. This pathway is also for candidates applying for supplementary permits, teaching assistant or coaching credentials. Candidates must submit original credentials for evaluation by the Office. Candidates must also meet any non-coursework requirements, such as the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations and fingerprint clearance, as specified.
- Requirements Include:
 - Education - Bachelor's Degree
 - College Coursework - Professional Education - 6 S.H.
 - License & Registration - NYS Registered Nurse License
 - Additional Education - Master's Degree
 - Paid, full-time Pupil Personnel experience - School Nurse Teacher - 2 Yrs.
 - Verification of Experience for Permanent/Professional Certificate Form
 - Workshop - Child Abuse Identification
 - Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
 - Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
 - Fingerprint Clearance
 - Citizenship Status - INS Permanent Residence or U.S. Citizenship

Certificate Progression Pathway

- This pathway is for individuals who hold a valid New York State entry-level certificate (such as an Initial or Provisional certificate). They may progress to the advanced-level credential (such as a Professional or Permanent certificate) by meeting the requirements for that certificate
- Certification Requirements:
 - Hold a Valid Provisional Certificate - School Nurse Teacher
 - Additional Education - Master's Degree
 - Paid, full-time Pupil Personnel experience - School Nurse Teacher - 2 Yrs
 - Verification of Experience for Permanent/Professional Certificate Form
 - Workshop - Child Abuse Identification
 - Workshop - School Violence Intervention and Prevention
 - Workshop - Dignity For All Students Act
 - Fingerprint Clearance
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Please visit <http://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CertRequirementHelp.do> for more information.

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North Carolina

North Carolina Department of Education
301 N Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Phone: (919) 807-3300

North Carolina Requirements

- School nurses are required to have completed training necessary for licensure as a registered nurse.
- School nurse do not have to be nationally certified to continue employment in public schools. School nurses must be registered nurses and have, at minimum, a baccalaureate degree

Please visit http://www.nasbe.org/healthy_schools/hs/bytopics.php?topicid=2130 or <https://publichealth.nc.gov/wch/doc/stats/16-17-SN-AnnualReportBrochure-WEB.pdf> for more information.

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North Dakota

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Bismarck, ND 58505-0200
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hkapella@nd.gov

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Ohio

Ohio Department of Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183
Phone: (877) 644-6338

Contact: contact.center@education.ohio.gov

Ohio Requirements

School nurse requires that pupil services practitioners must hold both a professional board license and an ODE license applies to all people working in these roles in school settings

- Board License from respective licensure board (e.g. Board of Nursing)
- Ohio Department of education (ODE) licensure to work in schools

Please visit <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Apply-for-Certificate-License/Pupil-Services-Licenses> for more information.

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Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Phone: (405) 521-3301

Contact: sdeservicedesk@sde.ok.gov

Oklahoma Requirements

Instructors who hold a Baccalaureate degree AND possess a valid license as a Registered Nurse with the Oklahoma Board of Nursing are eligible to receive a standard teaching credential as a School Nurse. In order to obtain this credential, the instructor must apply online at the SDE website, send original transcripts, a copy of their nursing license (or verification page from Board of Nursing)

Please visit <https://www.okcareertech.org/educators/health-careers-education/certification/school-nurse-certification-1> and or for more information.

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Oregon

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
250 Division Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-1012

Phone: (503) 378-3586

Contact: contact.tspsc@oregon.gov

Oregon Requirements

Division 21 School Nurse Certificates

584-021-0120

Requirements for Applying for Initial School Nurse Certification

- An applicant for the first Oregon School Nurse Certificate must:
 - Supply all information requested on the application, Form N-1, and sign in the space provided attesting that the information is true and correct;
 - Provide official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Transcripts must bear the seal of the institution and the signature of the registrar;
 - Submit a current registered nurse license issued by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. A photocopy is acceptable;
 - Obtain a passing score on a commission adopted test of knowledge of U.S. and Oregon civil rights and professional ethics;
 - Furnish fingerprints in the manner prescribed by the commission and provide satisfactory responses to the character questions contained in the commission's licensure application. (See also, OAR 584-036-0062 for Criminal Records Check Requirement.)
 - Submit the evaluation fee(s) as established by OAR 584-021-0170; and
 - Submit the employing school district's request for certification, and an explanation of why the joint application is being made, if the application is for the Emergency School Nurse Certificate.

584-021-0130

Requirements for a Professional School Nurse Certificate

- (1) Upon filing a correct and complete application in form and manner prescribed by the Commission, a qualified applicant may be granted a Professional School Nurse Certificate for five years. The first license will be issued for five years plus time to the applicant's birthday.
- (2) To be eligible for a Professional School Nurse Certificate, an applicant must:
 - Possess the personal qualifications for certification including attainment of at least eighteen years of age and possessing good moral character and mental and physical health necessary for employment as an educator; and
 - Hold a bachelor's degree from an approved institution; and
 - Hold a current registered nurse license issued by the Oregon State Board of Nursing; and

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- Obtain a passing score on a test of knowledge of U.S. and Oregon civil rights laws and professional ethics; and
- Evidence of completion of one of the following:
- Coursework equivalent to thirty clock hours, three quarter hours, or two semester hours in the following content areas:
 - American school law and legal responsibilities of the School Nurse;
 - The nursing process in the school setting;
 - School health policies, issues and funding;
 - Schools and society;
 - Mental health and counseling concepts;
 - The exceptional child -- disabled, gifted, learning disabled;
 - Physical and developmental assessment of the school-age child;
 - The role and responsibilities of the School Nurse;
 - Human growth, development and learning;
 - Diversity; and
 - School emergencies
- Evidence of current National School Nurse Certification received from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses.

584-021-0135

Requirements for an Emergency School Nurse Certificate

- (1) An Emergency School Nurse Certificate may be issued when there are insufficient applicants in a region of the state. The emergency certificate is valid for one year and issued upon joint application from the employing school board or school superintendent.
- (2) An applicant under section (1) of this rule must hold a current registered nurse license issued by the State Board of Nursing.

Please visit http://www.oregon.gov/tspc/Pages/Jan_Rules/Division_21.aspx for more information.

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Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Education
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Phone: (717) 783-6788

Pennsylvania Requirements

Laws Regulating School Nurses in Pennsylvania and Other States

“A person must meet three basic requirements to practice as a school nurse in Pennsylvania. A candidate must have earned a Bachelor of Nursing (BSN) degree at a college or university approved by PDE; be a registered nurse; and be certified as a school nurse by PDE.”

Please visit <http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/resources/documents/ftp/publications/2004-47-Nurses%20Report.pdf> or <https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Staffing%20Guidelines/Pages/CSPG80.aspx> for more information.

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Rhode Island

Rhode Island Department of Education
255 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

Phone: (401) 222-4600

Rhode Island Requirements

The All Grades School Nurse Teacher Certificate is valid for assignment as an All Grades School Nurse Teacher and as an All Grades Health teacher in grades PK - 12 in Rhode Island public schools.

- **Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification1**
 - To be issued a certificate in All Grades School Nurse Teacher an applicant must satisfy all of the following:
 - Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
 - Completion of an approved program or Credential Review Consortium Institution (CRCI), for the preparation of All Grades School Nurse Teacher
 - Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of Student Teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field Experience prior to Student Teaching
 - Demonstration of meeting the Professional Competencies of the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards (RIPTS)
 - Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the American Nurses Association (ANA)
 - Other requirements:
 - Licensed as a professional nurse by the RI Department of Health
 - 3 Years of Documented Experience as a Professional Nurse
 - Meet all Rhode Island pedagogy testing requirements for this certificate area

Please visit <http://www.ride.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Teachers-and-Administrators-Excellent-Educators/Educator-Certification/Cert-Requirements/AG-SchNursTeach-Req.pdf> or <http://www.ric.edu/healthphysicaleducation/Pages/School-Nurse-Teacher-Certification-in-Rhode-Island.aspx> for more information.

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South Carolina

South Carolina Legislative Services Agency
1105 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Phone: (803)212-4420

South Carolina Requirements

No policy requiring schools to employ school nurses

If a nurse were to be employed by a district, School Board of Education defers the licensing of nurses to the Professional & Occupational Licensing Board of Nursing.

- For Licensure as a registered nurse-
 - Section 40-33-22
 - A South Carolina license as an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse is required for a person located in another state to provide nursing services to a recipient located in this State at the time nursing services are provided
 - An applicant for initial licensure must pass the appropriate National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) prescribed by the board

Please visit <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c033.php> for more information.

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South Dakota

South Dakota Legislature
Legislative Research Council
5007 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: (605)773-3251

South Dakota Requirements

13-33A-1

School Health Services

- Coordination by registered nurse. A public school system shall provide school health services coordinated by a registered nurse, whose services may be shared by one or more school systems. The services shall include assessment and implementation of services for students with special needs, administration of medications, and performance of specialized health care procedures.

For licensure as a registered nurse, a candidate must have completed a state accredited program of registered nursing, possess a high school diploma, and pass a board approved examination as outlined in Board of Nursing Administrative Rule [20:48:03:01](#) (1994) and the Nurse Practice Act [36-9-30](#) (1981).

Please visit http://www.nasbe.org/healthy_schools/hs/bytopics.php?topicid=2130 or https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=StatuteChapter&Statute=13-33A for more information.

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Tennessee

Tennessee State Board of Education
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

*No information Available

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Texas

Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Phone: (512)463-9734

Texas Requirements

Section 21.001

Requires a school nurse to be certified by the proper state agency

- a person may not be employed by a school district as an audiologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, physician, nurse, school psychologist, associate school psychologist, licensed professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, social worker, or speech language pathologist unless the person is licensed by the state agency that licenses that profession and may perform specific services within those professions for a school district only if the person holds the appropriate credential from the appropriate state agency.

Please visit <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/ED/htm/ED.21.htm#21.003> for more information.

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Utah

Utah Department of Education
250 E 500 S
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Phone: (801) 538-7500

Utah Requirements

The state does not have policy requiring districts to employ school nurses in the schools.

53A-11-204

- states that public schools would be better protected against health and safety risks, if a registered nurse were readily available

Code 58-31b-302(3)

- Licensure as a registered nurse
 - Completion of an approved practical nursing education program or equivalent as determined by the licensing board
 - Possession of high school diploma or its equivalent
 - Passing of the board approved examinations

Please visit http://www.nasbe.org/healthy_schools/hs/bytopics.php?topicid=2130 or <https://www.schools.utah.gov/scep/schoolnurses> for more information.

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Vermont

Vermont Department of Health
108 Cherry Street
Burlington, VT 05402

Phone: (802) 863-7200

Vermont Requirements

Section 20

SCHOOL NURSE AND ASSOCIATE SCHOOL NURSE LICENSING REQUIREMENT:

- Maintain current Vermont Registered Nurse license.
- Maintain current Vermont Agency of Education license with appropriate endorsement.

Please visit

http://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/cyf_20_Licensing2015.pdf for more information.

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Virginia

Virginia Association of School Nurses
P.O. Box 28313
Richmond, VA 23228

Contact: vasn@vasn.us

Virginia Requirements

School Nurses in Virginia may obtain National Certification through the [National Board for Certification of School Nurses](#). Certification represents a national standard of preparation, knowledge, and practice. All candidates successfully completing the national examination are eligible to use this credential.

To take the exam, candidates must:

- Submit a copy of their license as a registered nurse
- Submit an academic transcript proving one of the following:
 - Have a bachelor's degree or higher in nursing or in a health-related field relevant to the school of nursing
 - If it is non-nursing or non-health related, the candidate must have 6 additional credits in management of primary health care problems of children/adults, health assessment of children/adolescents, or public health/community health/epidemiology
 - Or have a current certification by NBCSN as an NCSN
- Have a minimum of 1,000 hours within the 3 years prior to taking the examination
 - Roughly equivalent to working 6 hours/day for a school year of 180 days
- Complete the online application and submit it with the corresponding fee

Please visit <http://www.nbcsn.org/home> or <https://www.nbcsn.org/ncsn/eligibility/> for more information.

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Washington

School Nurse Organization of Washington
1705 199th Street Ct. E.
Spanaway, WA 98387

Washington Requirements

Certification is available at both the state and national level for school nurses in the State of Washington

State Certification

State of Washington's certificate awarded to qualified nurses (and also SLPs, OT/PTs, school psychologists and school counselors) by the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#) (OSPI) and governed by the [State of Washington's Professional Educator Standards Board](#)

National Certification

National Certified School Nurse (NCSN) credential is provided by the [National Board for Certification of School Nurses](#) (NBCSN). Although NCSN is a mark of distinction, many school districts in the State of Washington do not compensate school nurses for having this. SNOW took an informal survey in May of 2014 to get an idea of which Washington school districts were compensating school nurses for the NCSN credential. [Read those results here](#). SNOW encourages and supports national certification by having a NCSN Liaison on the Board of Directors and SNOW awards yearly scholarships for members that can be applied to the national certification fees

Requirements for the Educational Staff Associate (ESA) certificate:

- Degree

Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate or higher degree program in nursing from a program accredited by the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

- License

Applicants must hold a valid State of Washington license as a registered nurse.

- Coursework

Applicants must have completed prior to, or within 180 days after application:

- 30 clock hour or 3 quarter hour (= 2 semester hours) course approved by the Professional Educator Standards Board;
- or
- Candidates who were trained out of state may, in lieu of the course, present verification of a state-approved certification program in the role as a school nurse;
- or
- 3 years of out-of-state experience in the role under appropriate certification if certification was required.

Washington Continued

Please visit <http://www.schoolnurseorganizationofwashington.org/certification/statecertification> for more information.

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West Virginia

West Virginia Department of Education
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305

Phone: (304) 558-2699

West Virginia Requirements

School nurses are required to have or obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN) and a Certification in School Nursing (CSN).

Please visit <https://wvde.us/special-education/school-health/west-virginia-certified-school-nurse-rns/> for more information.

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Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
125 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53703

Phone: (800)441-4563

Wisconsin Requirements

Wisconsin state law requires a school nurse to be a registered nurse licensed under [Wis. Stat. ch. 441](#) to complete a course in public health.

- “Certification in school nursing is not required. However, it does help ensure that the school nurse possesses the core knowledge for competent practice beyond the licensure as a registered nurse”
- “State law requires a nurse to be a registered nurse licensed under [Wis. Stat. ch. 441](#) through the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and to complete a course in public health nursing in order to practice school nursing in Wisconsin. A Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) school nursing license is not required by state law. However, DPI licensure is available under [Wis. Admin. Code PI 34.060](#)”

Please visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pupil-services/school-nurse> or

http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/pi/34/VII/060 for more information.

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Wyoming

Wyoming Department of Education
122 W. 25th St. Suite E200
Cheyenne, WY 82002-2060

Phone: (307) 777-7675

Wyoming Requirements

Chapter 14 Section 2

- Requires school nurses to be licenses as a professional nurse in order to obtain a School Nurse Permit
- Upon receiving permit, applicants are authorized to provide health services to students and provide instruction under the supervision of a certified teacher.
- For licensure as registered professional nurse:
 - Must have complete a state accredited program of registered nursing
 - Possess a bachelor of science in nursing
 - Pass a board approved examination

Please visit http://www.nasbe.org/healthy_schools/hs/bytopics.php?topicid=2130 for more information.

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