

10-212-1. Definitions

School Nurses and Nurse Practitioners**10-212-1. Definitions**

"School nurse" means a "nurse" or a "nurse practitioner" who meets the requirements set forth in these regulations.

(Effective ~~September 1, 1982.~~ July 1, 2020)

10-212-2. Qualifications of a school nurse

Except as provided in Section 10-212-3, in order to qualify as a school nurse each nurse or nurse practitioner shall meet the following requirements:

- (a) 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.
- ~~(b) Hold valid CPR certification~~
- (c) Experience - Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall have at least the equivalent of ~~one~~ **two** years full time working experience as a registered nurse within five (5) years immediately prior to employment as a school nurse.
- (c) Education - Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall have **a minimum of a BSN. For nurses with a diploma or associate degree in nursing, an additional 15 academic credits** ~~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) hours in at least ~~two~~ **????** of the following subject areas:
 - (A) Growth and Development
 - (B) Health Assessment
 - (C) 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:
 - (A) **Administration/Organization** of Health or School Services
 - (C) Outcomes Identification**
 - (B) Child or Adolescent Psychology
 - (C) Crisis Intervention
 - (D) Growth and Development
 - (E) ~~Handicapping Conditions~~ **Students with Special Health Care Needs**
 - (F) Health Assessment
 - (G) ~~Health Education~~ **Teaching and Health Promotion**
 - (H) Mental Health
 - (I) Public or Community Health or School Health
 - (J) ~~Sociology~~ **???? Evidence-Based Practice/ Research**
 - (K) ~~Sports Medicine~~ **Special Education and Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

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10-212-3. Grandparent clause

~~A nurse or nurse practitioner who meets the licensure requirements of Subsection (a) of Section 10-212-2 of these regulations, who is employed as a nurse in public or nonpublic elementary or secondary schools on the effective date of these regulations, and who has been employed as a nurse in such schools for the equivalent of five years full time shall be considered to have met all the educational qualifications of a school nurse pursuant to Section 10-212-2.~~

~~(Effective September 1, 1982.)~~

- 1. A registered nurse who does not have a BSN or MSN but meets the current requirements for a school nurse.**

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- 2. A registered nurse who does not meet the current regulations but has been employed as a school nurse for five years
- 3. A registered nurse who does not meet the current regulations and has not been employed as a school nurse for five years will need to obtain at least 15 credits within five years
- 4. For new school nurses only
 - a. Obtain BSN within 10 years of employment

Become a nationally certified school nurse within ~~2~~ **3** years of obtaining BSN. (Effective July 1, 2019)

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10-212-4. Provisional qualifications ???

A nurse or nurse practitioner who (a) meets the requirements for licensure pursuant to Subsection (a) of Section 10-212-2 of these regulations and (b) who either has (1) the experience required pursuant to Section 10-212-2 or (2) taken three academic credits or four and one-half CEUs or forty-five (45) workshop hours in any area enumerated in Subsection (c) of Section 10-212-2 within five (5) years immediately prior to employment as a school nurse shall be provisionally qualified to serve as a school nurse. Such provisional qualification shall be valid in Connecticut for no more than three (3) years. Upon completion of the requirements for qualification as school nurse, such nurse or nurse practitioner shall no longer be designated as provisionally qualified.

~~(Effective September 1, 1982.)~~ (Effective July 1, 2019)

10-212-5. Continuing qualification as school nurse

A school nurse qualified pursuant to Sections 10-212-2 or 10-212-3 shall continue to be so qualified, provided that such nurse participates in at least ~~ten~~ **15** hours of professional development programs or activities approved by the local or regional board of education in each two-year period commencing on the effective date of these regulations.

~~(Effective September 1, 1982.)~~

(Effective July 1, 2019)

10-212-6. Authority of a local or regional board of education to appoint a school nurse

~~A local or regional board of education may require that each registered nurse providing school health services meets the qualifications as set forth in Section 10-212-2 of these regulations whether employed by the board of education or appointed under contract with a local health agency.~~

~~(Effective September 1, 1982.)~~ (Effective July 1, 2019)

Authority of LEA to appoint school nurse and **assistive school health personnel** – each local board shall require school nurses to meet the qualifications and **may employ assistive health personnel under the direct on-site supervision of a school nurse.**

10-212-7. Compliance in a different manner ?????

A local or regional board of education of any town having a population of less than ten thousand, which has appointed a legally qualified practitioner of medicine as school medical advisor, may submit a written proposal, for prior approval by the State Board of Education, to document compliance with any requirement of these regulations in a manner different from that specified in

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these regulations. Such proposal may be approved if it appears that it will substantially meet the goals of these regulations.

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Association of School Nurses of Connecticut

<http://www.ctschoolnurses.org/home>

Connecticut Nurses Association

<http://www.ctnurses.org/>

State Department of Education School Nurse Site

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768>

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/School-Nursing/School-Nursing>