

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES, INC. and**

**AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION**

**SCOPE AND STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL NURSING PRACTICE**

**STANDARDS:**

**Standard 1. Assessment**

The school nurse collects comprehensive data pertinent to the client's health or the situation.

**Standard 2. Diagnosis**

The school nurse analyzes the assessment data to determine the diagnosis or issue.

**Standard 3. Outcome Identification**

The school nurse identifies expected outcomes for a plan individualized to the client or the situation.

**Standard 4. Planning**

The school nurse develops a plan that prescribes strategies and alternatives to attain expected outcomes.

**Standard 5. Implementation**

The school nurse implements the identified plan.

**A. Coordination of Care**

The school nurse coordinates care delivery.

**B. Health Teaching and Health Promotion**

The school nurse uses strategies to promote a healthy and safe environment, especially regarding health education.

**C. Consultation**

The school nurse provides consultation to influence the identified plan, enhance the abilities of others, and effect change.

#### **D. Prescriptive Authority and Treatment**

The advanced practice registered nurse uses prescriptive authority, procedures, referrals, treatments, and therapies in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

#### **Standard 6. Evaluation**

The school nurse evaluates progress towards achievement of outcomes.

#### **Standards of Professional Performance for School Nursing**

The Standards of Professional Performance for School Nursing describe a competent level of behavior in the professional role. All school nurses are expected to actively engage in professional role activities appropriate to their education and position. School nurses are accountable for their professional actions to themselves, their healthcare consumers, the profession, and, ultimately, to society (adapted from ANA2010a p.10; ANA, 2010b, p. 22, and ANA/NASN Scope and Standards of Practice p. 13.)

#### **Standard 7. Ethics**

The school nurse practices ethically.

#### **Standard 8. Education**

The school nurse attains knowledge and competency that reflects current school nursing practice.

#### **Standard 9. Evidence Based Practice and Research**

The school nurse integrates evidence and research findings into practice.

#### **Standard 10. Quality of Practice**

The school nurse contributes to quality nursing practice.

#### **Standard 11. Communication**

The school nurse communicates effectively in a variety of formats in all areas of nursing practice.

#### **Standard 12. Leadership**

The school nurse demonstrates leadership in the professional practice setting and the profession.

#### **Standard 13. Collaboration**

The school nurse collaborates with the healthcare consumer, family and others in the conduct of nursing practice.

**Standard 14. Professional Evaluation**

The school nurse evaluates one's own nursing practice in relation to professional practice standards and guidelines, relevant statutes, rules, and regulations.

**Standard 15. Resource Utilization**

The school nurse utilizes appropriate resources to plan and provide nursing services that are safe, effective, and financially responsible.

**Standard 16. Environmental Health**

The school nurse practices in an environmentally safe and healthy manner.

**Standard 17. Program Management**

The school nurse manages school health services.

**Source: School Nurse Orientation Manual: Maternal and Child Health Division School Health Program, Oklahoma State Department of Health, pages 4-5, Developed 2004 and Revised August 2013.**