

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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School Nurse Regulations

The intent of this regulation is to comply with Assembly Bill 49 (2025) allowing a public school to hire a school nurse pending Department licensure. Additionally, the intent is to align state licensure requirements with current nursing standards.

NAC 391.305 Endorsement to serve as school nurse. (NRS 385.080, 391.019)

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.307 and this section, to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, a person must

(a) hold a valid, ***unencumbered*** license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse (***RN***); ***and***

(b) (a) Submit evidence of having received a baccalaureate degree

(1) ***in nursing from an accredited institution of higher education with evidence of 1 year of experience as a registered nurse; or***

(2) ***in any discipline from an accredited institution of higher education with evidence of 2 years of experience as a registered nurse.*** and having completed an educational program that:

(1) Grants postgraduate certificates in school nursing; and

(2) Is under a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;

(b) Hold a degree in nursing earned under a college or university baccalaureate program in nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;

(c) Submit evidence of having received:

(1) A baccalaureate degree in nursing; and

(2) Certification as a school nurse from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses; or

(d) Hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing and certification as a:

(1) Family nursing practitioner;

(2) Pediatric nursing practitioner;

(3) School nursing practitioner; or

(4) School nursing generalist,

→ from the American Nurses Association or from the State Board of Nursing.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant an endorsement to a person who is a registered nurse and holds a baccalaureate degree from a program in nursing that is not accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education if, in his or her discretion, the courses offered and requirements for a diploma from the unaccredited program are comparable with an accredited program.

2. 3. To renew an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, the holder must continue to hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing.

3. 4. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement as a school nurse is exempt from the provisions of NAC 391.036 **and 391.065**.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.420, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A 9-1-85; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 7-23-92, eff. 7-1-93; 3-18-94; 12-15-94; R101-99, 2-24-2000; R021-01, 10-22-2001, eff. 7-1-2002; R100-04, 8-25-2004; R158-18, 6-26-2019)

NAC 391.307 Authorization to serve as school nurse without endorsement. (NRS 391.019)

1. A public school may hire an applicant to serve as a school nurse without a Department of Education endorsement during the pendency of their application for an endorsement if the candidate:

(a) Submits a current, valid, unencumbered license issued by the Nevada State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse (RN), certified nurse practitioner (CNP/NP), or clinical nurse specialist (CNS);

(b) Submits a receipt showing they have applied for a Nevada Educator license;

(c) Has cleared a fingerprint background check with the Department of Public Safety as described in NRS 391.104; and

(d) Is not otherwise prohibited from being employed as a school nurse in this state.

2. If the candidate meets the requirements of subsection 1, a school district or charter school may place the candidate in an assignment that is commensurate with the candidate's Nevada State Board of Nursing license for up to one year, not to exceed the length of the current school year in which the candidate was hired.

3. *The school district or charter school shall notify the Department on a form prescribed by the Department at the time the person is hired without a Nevada educator license pursuant to this section.*
4. *The school district or charter school shall immediately discontinue employment with an employee who was hired and placed in assignment if the employee does not submit a valid Nevada educator license to their employer upon receipt from the Department.*

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may authorize a person who has not received an endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.305 to serve as a nurse in a school district whose enrollment is less than 5,000 pupils if the school district provides evidence to the Superintendent that a person who has received such an endorsement is not available for hire. The person must:

- (a) Hold a current license as a registered nurse from the State Board of Nursing and be supervised by a person who has been endorsed to serve as a school nurse pursuant to NAC 391.305; or
- (b) If the school district does not have in its employ a person to act as supervisor who has been endorsed to serve as a school nurse:
 - (1) Hold a current license as a registered nurse from the State Board of Nursing; and
 - (2) Submit evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that he or she is in the process of satisfying the requirements found in NAC 391.305 to receive an endorsement as a school nurse.

2. The Superintendent shall not authorize a person to serve as a school nurse pursuant to subsection 1 for more than 5 years, unless the school district submits evidence that it was unable to employ a sufficient number of persons qualified to hold an endorsement to serve as a school nurse. The evidence must include:

- (c) Copies of advertisements placed in newspapers and journals of nursing that were circulated within this State;
- (d) Copies of letters advertising employment that were sent to institutions awarding baccalaureate degrees in nursing; and
- (e) A list of the persons who applied for the position of school nurse together with copies of their applications and any educational transcripts received by the school district.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 7-23-92, eff. 7-1-93)

NAC 391.310 Endorsement as professional nurse for schools. (NRS 385.080)

1. To receive an endorsement to serve as a professional nurse for schools, a person must:

(a) Have met all of the requirements for an endorsement as a school nurse with a bachelor's degree;

(b) Hold a master's degree; and

(c) Have 2 years of verified experience as a nurse.

2. To renew this endorsement, the holder must:

(a) Have earned 6 semester hours of credit in education or nursing; and

(b) Continue to hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.430, eff. 10-23-81]