

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising the qualifications for an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; revising the requirements for a person to serve as a school nurse without an endorsement under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations setting forth the requirements that educational personnel must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in a field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations prescribe the qualifications a person must satisfy to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse. (NAC 391.305) **Section 1** of this regulation revises the educational requirements to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse by requiring the person applying for an endorsement to hold: (1) a valid and unrestricted license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse; and (2) a bachelor’s degree in nursing from an accredited college or university with at least 1 year of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse or a bachelor’s degree in any field from an accredited college or university with at least 2 years of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse. **Section 1** additionally eliminates the authorization for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to grant an endorsement to a registered nurse: (1) whose baccalaureate degree in nursing was conferred by a program that does not possess certain accreditation; and (2) who completed coursework and requirements that are comparable to those included in such an accredited program.

Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations authorizing a person who has applied for an endorsement as a school nurse to serve as a school nurse while the application is pending if he or she meets certain requirements. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to employ as a school nurse a person who has not received an endorsement to serve as a school nurse under certain circumstances. Existing regulations require such a person to, among other requirements: (1) hold a license as a registered nurse; (2) be supervised by a person with an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; and (3) if there is no available supervisor with an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, submit evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that he or she is in the process of receiving an

endorsement to serve as a school nurse. (NAC 391.307) **Section 2** of this regulation revises these requirements to instead authorize the board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school to employ a person to serve as school nurse without an endorsement for not more than 1 year if the person submits to the Superintendent of Public Instruction proof that he or she: (1) holds a valid and unrestricted license issued by the State Board of Nursing; (2) has applied for a license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; (3) is in the process of applying for an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; and (4) has completed certain required fingerprinting and background investigations. **Section 2** also provides that such a person may be terminated from his or her employment as a school nurse if the person: (1) fails to provide to the board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school a license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction immediately after obtaining the license; or (2) fails to obtain such a license.

Section 1. NAC 391.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.305 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 hold a ~~valid~~ :

(a) *Valid and unrestricted* license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse *or an advanced practice registered nurse*; and ~~must~~:

~~—(a) Submit evidence of having received a baccalaureate~~

(b) *Baccalaureate* degree ~~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; and~~

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

~~—(d) Hold a baccalaureate degree 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.]~~ *from an accredited college or university:*

(1) In nursing and have at least 1 year of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse; or

(2) In any field and have at least 2 years of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse.

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.]~~

~~—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.

~~[4.]~~ 3. 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.

4. *As used in this section:*

(a) “Advanced practice registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.012.

(b) “Registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.019.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.307 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.307 1. ~~{The Superintendent of Public Instruction}~~ *The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school* may ~~{authorize}~~ *employ* a person who has not received an endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.305 to serve as a *school* 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}~~ *if the* person ~~{must}~~ *submits to the Superintendent of Public Instruction proof that he or she:*

(a) ~~{Hold}~~ *Holds* a ~~{current}~~ *valid and unrestricted* license as a registered nurse *or advanced practice 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};~~

(b) Has applied for a license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS;

(c) Is in the process of satisfying the requirements found in NAC 391.305 to receive an endorsement as a school nurse ~~{}~~ *; and*

(d) Has completed the fingerprinting and investigation into his or her background required pursuant to NRS 391.104.

2. ~~{The Superintendent shall not authorize a}~~ *The board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school may place a* person ~~{to serve as a school nurse}~~ *employed pursuant to subsection 1 in a position commensurate with the type of license issued pursuant to*

chapter 632 of NRS and chapter 632 of NAC 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:~~

~~—(a) Copies of advertisements placed in newspapers and journals of nursing that were circulated within this State;~~

~~—(b) Copies of letters advertising employment that were sent to institutions awarding baccalaureate degrees in nursing; and~~

~~—(c) 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.]~~ *a probationary period not to exceed 1 year or the completion of the current school year, whichever is shorter.*

3. The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school shall notify the Department, on a form prescribed by the Department, at the time a person is employed pursuant to subsection 1.

4. The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school shall terminate the employment of any person employed pursuant to subsection 1 if the person:

(a) Does not provide to the board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school a license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS immediately after the license is issued by the Department; or

(b) Fails to obtain a license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS.

5. As used in this section:

(a) “Advanced practice registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.012.

(b) “Registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.019.