

**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, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising the qualifications for an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; 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 educational requirements a teacher 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 and renew an endorsement to serve as a school nurse. (NAC 391.305) This regulation removes the requirement to provide a copy of a renewed license issued by the State Board of Nursing to the Teacher Licensure Office within the Department of Education each time the holder of an endorsement to serve as a school nurse wishes to renew such an endorsement.

Existing regulations provide that a person who is a registered nurse and who satisfies certain licensure and employment requirements is exempt from the requirements prescribed to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse. (NAC 391.305) This regulation removes that exemption. Additionally, this regulation provides that a person who holds only a special license with an endorsement as a school nurse is exempt from completing certain competency tests required for initial licensure.

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 license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse and must:

(a) Submit evidence of having received a 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.

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 ~~+~~

~~—(a) Continue~~ *continue* to hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing . ~~}; and~~
~~—(b) Each time that the license is renewed by the State Board of Nursing, deliver a copy of the license to the Teacher Licensure Office within the Department.}~~

4. ~~{The provisions of this section do not apply to a registered nurse who:~~

~~—(a) Holds a current license issued by the State Board of Nursing pursuant to the provisions of NRS 632.150; and~~

~~—(b) Has been employed in this State as a school nurse for not less than 1 year immediately preceding July 1, 1993.}~~ *A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement as a school nurse is exempt from the provisions of NAC 391.036.*