

Delaware School Nurse Certification & Licensure Requirements

Hiring Requirements

Must be met prior to employment in a Delaware public school district as a school nurse:

- Bachelor's degree in Nursing
- RN license to practice in Delaware
- 3 years supervised clinical experience
- Current CPR/AED certification

School Nurse Certification Requirements

- Completion of *The School Nurse Certification Program* (90 clock hours) within two years of employment.
 - This program was implemented in August, 2016 and is under development.
 - This program is offered by the Delaware Department of Education.
 - This program consists of the following:
 - **Online** - Self-directed courses available in PDMS/Schoology that include Assessments and Assignments
 - **Onsite** - Fundamentals of Nursing (August class)
 - **Onsite** - Demonstration Class in Dover
 - **Attendance** at the Leadership Class presented by the Delaware School Nurse Association
 - This program replaces the original *A School Nurse Certificate in Basic School Nursing* that was offered by the Delaware Department of Education & the University of Delaware. Students currently enrolled in the original *A School Nurse Certificate in Basic School Nursing* have been notified that the last class is scheduled for January 2017. Enrollment in this program is no longer available.

Delaware Department of Education, School Health Services
<http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/2865> Phone: (302) 857-3356

Initial License Requirements

- Must pass the Delaware approved general knowledge exam (Praxis or approved Exemption Test) within one calendar year from date of hire.
<https://www.ets.org/praxis/de/requirements>
- Completion of the *Comprehensive Induction Program for School Nurses* (the School Nurse Mentoring Program) which is a four year process.
 - The School Nurse Lead Mentor at the district level will assist the new school nurse with this requirement throughout the program.

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Licensure Completion

- A Continuing License with School Nurse Certification will be issued by the Delaware Department of Education upon meeting all hiring, certification and initial license requirements, as well as receiving a satisfactory DPAS evaluation.

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Regulation 1582: <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1582.shtml#TopOfPage>