

Section A.

Statutes, Regulations, and Standards Affecting School Nurses and School Health Issues

- I. Delaware Department of Education (DOE) Regulations
- II. Delaware Law
 - Delaware Code
- III. Standards
- IV. Department of Education Licensure

This Manual was developed for use by Delaware School Nurses, who hold a Registered Nurse license to practice in Delaware. The information in Section A is intended to highlight current laws, regulations, and standards related to the specialty practice of school nursing. Although many of these documents have remained unaltered for a number of years, it should be noted that the content can be changed through statutory or regulatory change at any time. Selected references are available through web-links. It is highly recommended that Section A be used for guiding principles of practice. Current and complete documents can be found at:

Department of Education Regulations:

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/>

Delaware Laws: <http://delcode.delaware.gov/>

National School Nursing Standards: www.nasn.org

I. DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGULATIONS

The complete set of Department of Education regulations is available at <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/>

- A. Department of Education Regulations
Regulations are promulgated per Delaware Code. The Department of Education regulations include the following categories:

100 Accountability

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200 Administration and Operations

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400 Construction

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500 Curriculum and Instruction

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600 School Climate and Discipline

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700 Finance and Personnel

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800 Health and Safety

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900 Special Populations

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1000 Student Activities

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1100 Transportation

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1500 Professional Standards Board

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1. The 800 Section, Health and Safety, includes regulations specific to School Health Services
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801 Immunizations

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/804.shtml#TopOfPage>

805 The School Health Tuberculosis (TB) Control Program

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/805.shtml#TopOfPage>

811 School Health Record Keeping Requirements

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/811.shtml#TopOfPage>

815 Health Examinations and Screening

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/815.shtml#TopOfPage>

817 Medications and Treatments

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/817.shtml#TopOfPage>

851 K to 12 Comprehensive Health Education Program

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/851.shtml#TopOfPage>

852 Child Nutrition

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/852.shtml#TopOfPage>

877 Tobacco Policy

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/877.shtml#TopOfPage>

881 Releasing Students to Persons Other Than Their Parent, Guardian or Relative Caregiver

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/881.shtml#TopOfPage>

885 Safe Management and Disposal of Chemicals in the Delaware Public School System

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/885.shtml#TopOfPage>

2. Selected regulations relative to School Health Services

a. 200 Administration and Operations

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/index.shtml#TopOfPage>

251 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/251.shtml#TopOfPage>

252 Required Educational Records and Transfer and Maintenance of Educational Records

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/252.shtml#TopOfPage>

255 Definitions of Public School, Private School and Nonpublic School

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/255.shtml#TopOfPage>

275 Charter Schools

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/275.shtml#TopOfPage>

b. 600 School Climate and Discipline

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/600/index.shtml#TopOfPage>

251 Compliance with Gun Free Schools Act

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/600/603.shtml#TopOfPage>

610 Limitations on Use of Seclusion and Restraint

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/600/610.shtml#TopOfPage>

612 Possession, Use or Distribution of Drugs and Alcohol

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614 School Attendance

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/600/615.shtml#TopOfPage>

621 District and School Emergency Preparedness Policy

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/600/621.shtml#TopOfPage>

c. 900 Special Populations

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/900/index.shtml#TopOfPage>

901 Education of Homeless Children and Youth

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/900/901.shtml#TopOfPage>

925 Children with Disabilities Subpart D, Evaluations, Eligibility, Determination, Individualize Education Programs

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/900/925.shtml#TopOfPage>

930 Supportive Instruction (Homebound)

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II. DELAWARE LAW

This section highlights selected Delaware statutes with particular relevance to the school health services. The entire Delaware Code, i.e., laws, is available at <http://delcode.delaware.gov/>. A screen shot is provided below.



The screenshot displays the 'The Delaware Code Online' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Regulations', 'Administrative Code', 'Laws', 'Town Charters', 'Style Manual', and 'Contact'. Below the navigation bar, the page is titled 'Titles' and lists 31 titles in a two-column grid. Each title includes a link to an 'Authenticated PDF'.

Titles	
The Delaware Constitution Authenticated PDF	Title 16 - Health and Safety Authenticated PDF
Title 1 - General Provisions Authenticated PDF	Title 17 - Highways Authenticated PDF
Title 2 - Transportation Authenticated PDF	Title 18 - Insurance Code Authenticated PDF
Title 3 - Agriculture Authenticated PDF	Title 19 - Labor Authenticated PDF
Title 4 - Alcoholic Liquors Authenticated PDF	Title 20 - Military and Civil Defense Authenticated PDF
Title 5 - Banking Authenticated PDF	Title 21 - Motor Vehicles Authenticated PDF
Title 6 - Commerce and Trade Authenticated PDF	Title 22 - Municipalities Authenticated PDF
Title 7 - Conservation Authenticated PDF	Title 23 - Navigation and Waters Authenticated PDF
Title 8 - Corporations Authenticated PDF	Title 24 - Professions and Occupations Authenticated PDF
Title 9 - Counties Authenticated PDF	Title 25 - Property Authenticated PDF
Title 10 - Courts and Judicial Procedures Authenticated PDF	Title 26 - Public Utilities Authenticated PDF
Title 11 - Crimes and Criminal Procedure Authenticated PDF	Title 27 - Religion Authenticated PDF
Title 12 - Decedents' Estates and Fiduciary Relations Authenticated PDF	Title 28 - Sports and Amusements Authenticated PDF
Title 13 - Domestic Relations Authenticated PDF	Title 29 - State Government Authenticated PDF
Title 14 - Education Authenticated PDF	Title 30 - State Taxes Authenticated PDF
Title 15 - Elections Authenticated PDF	Title 31 - Welfare Authenticated PDF

A. **13 Delaware Code, Domestic Relations**

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1. **Chapter 7, Parents and Children**

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title13/c007/index.shtml>

This Chapter has two Subchapters: General Provisions and Custody Proceedings. All Sections are available at:

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title13/c007/sc01/index.shtml>

Highlights include:

701 Rights and responsibilities of parents; guardian appointment

707 Consent to health care of minors

708 Affidavit of Establishment of Power to Consent to Medical Treatment of Minors

709 Consent of a minor to donate blood voluntarily without the necessity of obtaining parental permission or authorization

710 Minor's consent to diagnostic and lawful therapeutic procedures relating to care and treatment for pregnancy or contagious diseases

2. **Chapter 7a, Child Protection from Domestic Violence and Sex Offenders Act**

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title13/c007a/index.shtml>

B. **14 Delaware Code, Education**

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1. **Chapter 1. Department of Education**

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c001/index.shtml>

a. **Subchapter II, Powers and Duties**

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c001/sc02/index.shtml>

121 General powers of the Department of Education

122 Rules and regulations

131 Public school enrollees' immunization program; exemptions

2. **Chapter 2. The Public School System**

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c002/index.shtml>

a. **Subchapter I, System of Free Public Schools**

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c002/sc01/index.shtml>

121 Free schools; ages; attendance within school district; nonresidents of Delaware (Note: "Caregiver's Law" begins at (e) (2) c.)

3. **Chapter 5. Charter Schools**

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c005/index.shtml>

4. **Chapter 12. Educator Licensure, Certification, Evaluation, Professional Development, and Preparation**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/index.shtml>
 - a. **Subchapter I. Professional Standards Board**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc01/index.shtml>
 - b. **Subchapter II. Three-Tiered Licensure System**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc02/index.shtml>
 - c. **Subchapter III. Educator Certification**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc03/index.shtml>
 - d. **Subchapter VII, Educator Evaluations**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc07/index.shtml>
5. **Chapter 13. Salaries and Working Conditions of School Employees**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc07/index.shtml>

1301 Salary schedules for school nurses

6. **Chapter 41. General Regulatory Provisions**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c041/index.shtml>

4111 Disclosure of pupils' school records
 4112C Good faith immunity
 4112D School bullying prevention
 4112E School Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault Act
 4112F Limitations on sue and seclusion and restraint
 4116 Drug/alcohol education programs
 4117 Substance abuse
 4123 Child abuse detection; reporting training
 4123A School bullying prevention and criminal youth gang detection training
 4124 Suicide prevention

- C. **16 Delaware Code, Health and Safety**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/index.shtml#TopOfPage>

1. **Chapter 5. Contagious Diseases Generally**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c001/index.shtml>
 - a. **Subchapter I, Powers and Duties**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c005/sc01/index.shtml>

501 Report of contagious diseases – To local boards

- b. **Subchapter II. Tuberculosis Control**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c005/index.shtml>

2. **Chapter 9. Abuse of Children**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c009/index.shtml>

a. **Subchapter I, Reports and Investigations of Abuse and Neglect; Child Protection Accountability Commission**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c009/sc01/index.shtml>

- 907 Temporary emergency protective custody
- 907A Safe Arms for Babies
- 908 Immunity from liability, and special reimbursement to hospitals for expenses related to certain babies
- 909 Privileged communication not recognized
- 913 Child under treatment by spiritual means not neglected

b. **Subchapter II. Child Protection Registry**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c009/sc02/index.shtml>

3. **Chapter 26. Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c026/index.shtml>

- 2602 Physicians and health care facilities to screen children
- 2603 Screening prior to child care or school enrollment

4. **Chapter 30c. Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDS)**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c030c/index.shtml>

5. **Chapter 30E School Access to Emergency Medication Act**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c030e/index.shtml>

6. **Chapter 30G. Naloxone**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c030g/index.shtml>

7. **Chapter 68. Exemptions from Civil Liability**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title16/c068/index.shtml>

- 6801 Persons rendering emergency care exempt from liability: Advance Life Support Standards Committee
- 6802 Exempting nurses from civil liability in rendering emergency care

D. **24 Delaware Code, Professions and Occupations**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/index.shtml#TopOfPage>

1. **Chapter 19. Nursing (also referred to as the “Nurse Practice Act”)**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c019/index.shtml>

- 1901 Declaration of legislative intent
- 1902 Definitions
- 1903 – 1908 Delaware Board of Nursing
- 1909 License requirement

- 1910 Qualifications for registered nurse
- 1911 Licensure by examination for registered nurse
- 1912 Reciprocity for registered nurse
- 1913 Registered nurses licensed under previous law
- 1914 – 1917 licensed practical nurses
- 1918 Renewal of license; lapse of license; late renewal; penalties; retirement from practice; temporary permit to practice
- 1919 Nursing education programs
- 1920 License requirements; use of abbreviations
- 1921 Applicability of chapter
- 1922 – 1925 Disciplinary actions
- 1926 Status of present Board members
- 1927 Prescription requirements
- 1928 Criminal background checks of registered nurses
- 1929 Criminal background checks of licensed practical nurses
- 1930 Duty to report conduct that constitutes grounds for discipline or inability to practice
- 1931 Treatment or examination of minors
- 1932 Limited lay administration of medications

2. **Chapter 19A. Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c019a/index.shtml>

III. STANDARDS

School nurses practice within laws related to both nursing and education. They are also responsible for practicing in accordance with national standards established for the specialty practice of school nursing. These standards are fully described in the text, *School Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2nd Edition* (© 2011 National Association of School Nurses, 2011), developed jointly by the National Association of School Nurses [NASN] and the American Nurses Association. The document can be purchased through NASN at www.nasn.org.

The comprehensive school nurse role is described in the “Role of the School Nurse” Position Statement developed by NASN in 2011 (<https://www.nasn.org/PolicyAdvocacy/PositionPapersandReports/NASNPositionStatementsFullView/tabid/462/ArticleId/87/Role-of-the-School-Nurse-Revised-2011>).

STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL NURSING PRACTICE

National Association of School Nurses / American Nurses Association, 2011¹

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STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

- Standard 1.* **ASSESSMENT**
The school nurse collects comprehensive data pertinent to the healthcare consumer's health and/or the situation.
- Standard 2.* **DIAGNOSIS**
The school nurse analyzes the assessment data to determine the diagnoses or issues.
- Standard 3.* **OUTCOMES IDENTIFICATION**
The school nurse identifies expected outcomes for a plan individualized to the healthcare consumer 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.
- 5A. **COORDINATION OF CARE**
The school nurse coordinates care delivery.
- 5B. **HEALTH TEACHING AND HEALTH PROMOTION**
The school nurse provides health education and employs strategies to promote a healthy and a safe environment.
- 5C. **CONSULTATION**
The school nurse provides consultation to influence the identified plan, enhance the abilities of others, and effect change.
- 5D. **PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**
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 toward attainment of outcomes.
- Standard 7.* **ETHICS**
The school nurse practices ethically.
- Standard 8.* **EDUCATION**
The school nurse attains knowledge and competency that reflects current 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 the quality of nursing practice.
- Standard 11.* **COMMUNICATION**
The school nurse communicates effectively in a variety of formats in all areas of 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 PRACTICE 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.

¹ Refer to *School Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice* for entire text.

IV. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LICENSURE

For additional information on licensure as a Registered Nurse (R.N.), consult the Delaware Board of Nursing's website: <http://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/index.shtml>.

For additional information on licensure and certification as a school nurse, contact your district's Human Resources Department. A general overview of requirements for public school nurses is provided in two brochures located at <http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/1330>:

So... You Want to Be a School Nurse

A School Nurse Certification in Basic School Nursing

- A. **14 Delaware Code, Chapter 12, Educator License, Certification, Evaluation, Professional Development, and Preparation**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/index.shtml>
1. **Subchapter I. Professional Standards Board**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc01/index.shtml>
 2. **Subchapter II. Three-Tiered Licensure System**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc02/index.shtml>
 3. **Subchapter III. Educator Certification**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc03/index.shtml>
 4. **Subchapter VII, Educator Evaluation**
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title14/c012/sc07/index.shtml>
- B. **Department of Education Regulation: 500 Professional Standards Board**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/index.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1501 Knowledge, Skills, and Responsibility Based Salary Supplements for Educators**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1501.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1502 Professional Growth Salary Increments**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1502.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1503 Educator Mentoring**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1503.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1505 Standard Certificate**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1505.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1506 Emergency Certificate**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1506.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1510 Issuance of Initial License**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1510.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1511 Issuance and Renewal of Continuing License**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1511.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1513 Denial of Licenses**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1513.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1514 Revocation, Limitation, or Suspension of Licenses**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1514.shtml#TopOfPage>
- 1582 School Nurse**
<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1582.shtml#TopOfPage>

- C. All educators, including school nurses, are required to demonstrate competency in reading, writing, and math. This occurs through successful completion of the *Praxis*® Core Academic Skills for Educator tests, which are referred to as “Core”. The information on the following page is taken from the ETS site: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/de/requirements/>. This testing, or acceptance of an equivalent, must be completed within one year of hire.

Tests Required for All Licensure Areas

The State Board validated the *Praxis*® Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) tests as appropriate basic skills tests for initial licensure in Delaware and established the qualifying scores shown in the table below.

To Be Certified in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
All Areas	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading	5712	156
	and		
	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Writing	5722	162
	and		
	Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics (On-screen four-function calculator provided.)	5732	150
	If you wish to take all three computer-delivered Core exams (5712, 5722, 5732) at the same time, select Core Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test (5751) when registering. Scores will be reported by individual test (5712, 5722, 5732).		
praxis testing for Delaware			

Exemption Tests

The Delaware State Board of Education approved the *Praxis I*®, Core Battery, SAT Reasoning Test™ (SAT®), ACT® and GRE® tests as exemptions to the *Praxis* Core tests in reading, writing and mathematics. SAT scores earned after April 1, 1995, and presented for exemption must meet the score indicated due to a recentering of the SAT test.

The exemptions below are intended to provide an option for individuals who have previously taken other appropriate standardized tests. Consequently, exemption test scores should pre-date both application and employment. It is not the intent to require that other tests be taken in lieu of the *Praxis* Core tests.

The applicant is responsible for forwarding official exemption test scores to the Delaware Department of Education. If that is not possible, then the exemption cannot be allowed, and the applicant will need to meet the previously stated *Praxis* Core score requirements.

Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Praxis I		
175 (1/1/2002–8/31/2014) 322 (10/23/1993–12/31/2001) 175 (7/1/1983–10/22/1993)	173 (1/1/2002–8/31/2014) 319 (10/23/1993–12/31/2001) 172 (7/1/1983–10/22/1993)	174 (1/1/2002–8/31/2014) 319 (10/23/1993–12/31/2001) 175 (7/1/1983–10/22/1993)
SAT		
Verbal 480 (before 4/1/1995) 560 (as of 4/1/1995)		Mathematics 520 (before 4/1/1995) 540 (as of 4/1/1995)
GRE® General Test		
Verbal 490		Quantitative 540
GRE® revised General Test		
Verbal 152		Quantitative 145
Core Battery communication Skills Test		
	670	
ACT		
English 24		Mathematics 24

D. School Nurse Certificate in Basic School Nursing

The Basic School Nursing course of study was specifically developed and approved (11-2003) to address the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) requirement for ninety (90) clock hours of study in school nursing as per Regulation 1582, School Nurse, <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1582.shtml#TopOfPage>. The course was updated in 2012. The goal of this program is to provide school nurses, who are newly licensed by DDOE, with advanced knowledge and the skills needed to practice safely and effectively in the school setting. It aims to facilitate successful transition from general nursing practice to school nursing by addressing essential nursing and educational components that are needed by school nurses, but are not included in a traditional nursing degree program.

All coursework can be completed within a year, but is required to be completed within 18 months of hire. At the successful completion of the study, participants will receive a certificate in Basic School Nursing from the University of Delaware and nursing continuing education credits from DDOE.

The Curriculum:

90 hours – 6 modules (the equivalent of 6 academic credits)

Delaware School Nurse Orientation Program (Module 4) – This component is 15 hours and held annually in August.

Preventing Communicable Diseases in Children (Module 5) – This component is 15 hours and focuses on identification and prevention of communicable diseases, the nurse as a first responder in a crisis situation involving bioterrorism, as well as measures taken to enhance protection and respond to active disease. It is offered each fall. Register at www.udel.edu/schoolnurse5 or by contacting Dr. Janice Selekmán at selekman@udel.edu.

Issues in School Health Nursing (Nursing 600 or Modules 1-3) – This 45 hour course can be taken as a 3-credit academic course or as a non-credit set of 3 modules (taught as one unit); it is offered each summer. It focuses on the roles of the new school nurse and the healthcare needs of school-age children. Content includes: testing/screening, guidance/ counseling, health teaching, legal and ethical issues, and community partnerships. To register, contact Dr. Janice Selekmán (selekman@udel.edu) or www.udel.edu/schoolnurse

The Exceptional Child (Module 6) – This component is 15 hours and focuses on the child with a chronic condition and special healthcare needs. It covers the federal laws that protect them, the principles of special education, and multiple physical and mental health conditions. It is offered each spring. To register, contact Dr. Janice Selekmán at selekman@udel.edu or www.udel.edu/schoolnurse6.

For additional information, contact Dr. Janice Selekmán at selekman@udel.edu or 302-831-1256 or Dr. Linda C. Wolfe at linda.wolfe@doe.k12.de.us or 302-857-3356. Refer to the brochure, A School Nurse Certification in Basic School Nursing (<http://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/1330>) for current information.

E. Guidelines for Issuance and Renewal of a Continuing License

A three-tiered licensure system is established for Delaware educators, which includes school nurses. In accordance with statute (14 Del Code, Chapter 12), regulations governing the educator license system were developed by the Professional Standards Board and approved by the State Board of Education.

The Department of Education is responsible for the implementation of the licensure system for all educators, which includes specialists such as the school nurse. Educators hold both a License (general educator license) and Certification (specific to the assignment area, e.g. school nursing for school nurses or science for science teachers). An **Initial License** is issued to an educator who has less than three years of experience. An Initial Inactive License will be issued if the educator is not employed with a Delaware District/Charter School. The Inactive Initial license is a full and valid License. Upon employment the Initial License is activated and valid for three years. Mentoring and satisfactory evaluations are required. Guidance for the initial license is provided in Regulation 1510, Issuance of Initial License, <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1510.shtml#TopOfPage>.

A **Continuing License** is issued to all Delaware educators who hold standard or professional status certificates, as those certificates are renewed. A Continuing License is a five-year renewable license and may be obtained through one of the following options:

- Graduate from an Initial License OR
- Hold reciprocal credentials from another state, have three years of full-time credentialed teaching experience in that state, and two satisfactory summative evaluations equivalent to Delaware's evaluations.

Ninety (90) clock hours are required to renew a Continuing License every five years. Guidance for renewal of the school nurse license is outlined in Regulation 1511, Issuance and Renewal of Continuing License, <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/1500/1511.shtml#TopOfPage>

Procedures for licensure and certification of **non**-public educators are provided through Regulation 278, Nonpublic School Educator Licensure and Certification (<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/200/278.shtml#TopOfPage>).