

**Certification Staffing Assignment  
School Nurse  
(Kindergarten-12)**

The School Nurse involves the science or art of the knowledge and competence required in addressing the health care needs of school-aged children in grades Kindergarten-12.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:

A person holding a valid PA certificate as a School Nurse is qualified to serve in elementary, middle or secondary levels as a school nurse/health services provider in grades Kindergarten through 12.

Certification Assignment:

An educator holding a valid PA certificate as a School Nurse is qualified to provide information and services in school health related areas; assess, document and manage the health care needs of children in grades Kindergarten-12, including those with disabilities; and to recognize symptoms and consequences of safety and environmental factors.

Special Considerations:

The certified School Nurse may serve at all school levels. A School Nurse may not serve as a teacher of nursing unless also holding the appropriate Vocational Instructional certificate. School Nurses may supplement instruction on a non-assigned basis in health classes.

An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills.

Restrictions:

When a school district employs an individual in the job title "school nurse," this person must be a certified School Nurse whether employed as a professional or temporary professional.

School districts may elect to use paraprofessional health room aides to supplement the certified School Nurse in provide health services.

References:

Program Specific Guidelines for Certification

Other CSPGs for reference

22 PA Code: Chapter 49: §49.11  
§49.81  
§49.102-3

PA Public School Code: §1202  
§1212  
§1604

This revision supersedes all earlier CSPGs carrying this number and/or addressing this subject. Previous printing dates on this subject: 1973, 3/75, 3/78, 2/82, 1/87