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Sec. 10-212-1. Definitions

“School nurse” means a “nurse” or a “nurse practitioner” who meets the requirements set forth in these regulations.

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Sec. 10-212-2. Qualifications of a school nurse

Except as provided in Section 10-212-3, in order to qualify as a school nurse each nurse or nurse practitioner shall meet the following requirements:

(a) **Licensure**—Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall be a registered professional nurse, designated as R.N., as defined in Section 20-87a of the General Statutes, and currently licensed in the state of Connecticut.

(b) **Experience**—Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall have at least the equivalent of one year full time working experience as a registered nurse within five (5) years immediately prior to employment as a school nurse.

(c) **Education**—Each nurse or nurse practitioner shall have academic preparation to include twelve (12) academic credits at a licensed or accredited institution of higher learning or eighteen (18) continuing education units (CEUs) or one hundred eighty (180) workshop or inservice hours distributed as follows:

(1) Six (6) credits or nine (9) CEUs or ninety (90) workshop hours in at least two of the following subject areas:

- (A) Growth and Development
- (B) Health Assessment
- (C) Public or Community Health or School Health

(2) Six (6) credits or nine (9) CEUs or ninety (90) workshop hours in two or more of the following subject areas:

- (A) Administration or Organization of Health or School Services
- (B) Child or Adolescent Psychology
- (C) Crisis Intervention
- (D) Growth and Development
- (E) Handicapping Conditions
- (F) Health Assessment
- (G) Health Education
- (H) Mental Health
- (I) Public or Community Health or School Health
- (J) Sociology
- (K) Sports Medicine

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Sec. 10-212-3. Grandparent clause

A nurse or nurse practitioner who meets the licensure requirements of Subsection (a) of Section 10-212-2 of these regulations, who is employed as a nurse in public or nonpublic elementary or secondary schools on the effective date of these regulations, and who has been employed as a nurse in such schools for the equivalent of five years full time shall be considered to have met all the educational qualifications of a school nurse pursuant to Section 10-212-2.

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Sec. 10-212-4. Provisional qualifications

A nurse or nurse practitioner who (a) meets the requirements for licensure pursuant to Subsection (a) of Section 10-212-2 of these regulations and (b) who either has

(1) the experience required pursuant to Section 10-212-2 or (2) taken three academic credits or four and one-half CEUs or forty-five (45) workshop hours in any area enumerated in Subsection (c) of Section 10-212-2 within five (5) years immediately prior to employment as a school nurse shall be provisionally qualified to serve as a school nurse. Such provisional qualification shall be valid in Connecticut for no more than three (3) years. Upon completion of the requirements for qualification as school nurse, such nurse or nurse practitioner shall no longer be designated as provisionally qualified.

(Effective September 1, 1982)

Sec. 10-212-5. Continuing qualification as school nurse

A school nurse qualified pursuant to Sections 10-212-2 or 10-212-3 shall continue to be so qualified, provided that such nurse participates in at least ten hours of professional development programs or activities approved by the local or regional board of education in each two-year period commencing on the effective date of these regulations.

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Sec. 10-212-6. Authority of a local or regional board of education to appoint a school nurse

A local or regional board of education may require that each registered nurse providing school health services meets the qualifications as set forth in Section 10-212-2 of these regulations whether employed by the board of education or appointed under contract with a local health agency.

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Sec. 10-212-7. Compliance in a different manner

A local or regional board of education of any town having a population of less than ten thousand, which has appointed a legally qualified practitioner of medicine as school medical advisor, may submit a written proposal, for prior approval by the State Board of Education, to document compliance with any requirement of these regulations in a manner different from that specified in these regulations. Such proposal may be approved if it appears that it will substantially meet the goals of these regulations.

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