

# School Nurse Professional Pupil Services Licensure

## Ohio Program Standards 2010

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Appendix A**

# Ohio Educator Licensure Standards for School Nurse Professional Pupil Services Licensure

## **Introduction**

The Ohio Standards for School Nurse were developed over a five year period by members of the *Ohio School Nurse Licensure Task Force* listed below. The Ohio Standards reflect the National Association of School Nurse standards as well as the Ohio Board of Nurse standards for nursing practice in Ohio schools. The Ohio Association of School Nurses Board of Directors has reviewed and supported this document (January 2009).

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Ashland University	Ohio University
Cleveland State University	Otterbein College
Malone University	University of Toledo
Miami University	Wright State University
College of Mount St. Joseph	Xavier University
The Ohio State University	Youngstown State University

## **Licensure Rule OAC 3301-24-05 (F) (1)**

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## **SCHOOL NURSE PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS**

### **Standard 1. Competent Practice: Candidates practice competently by providing nursing care within the scope of practice of nursing for a registered nurse in Ohio.**

- 1.1 Candidates act as directed by the client's changing status, use safe nursing care as a basis for any observation or evaluation
- 1.2 Candidates analyze data to reach a nursing diagnosis.
- 1.3 Candidates plan care based on desired outcomes.
- 1.4 Candidates implement a plan of care in an accurate, safe and timely manner.
- 1.5 Candidates evaluate and document response to nursing interventions in an accurate and timely manner.
- 1.6 Candidates use safe nursing care to prevent disease transmission in school and community.

### **Standard 2. Communication: Candidates practice safe nursing care in the communication of information.**

- 2.1 Candidates collaborate with students, families and other school staff to promote educational goals and health of students and school.
- 2.2 Candidates consult with appropriate licensed practitioners including; other members of the health care or education team.
- 2.3 Candidates maintain confidentiality of student and family health and education information
- 2.4 Candidates use safe nursing care as a basis for any advice, instruction, or teaching.
- 2.5 Candidates document all aspects of school nursing care according to rules and regulations governing nursing practice.

**Standard 3. Professional Behavior: Candidates use professional behavior skills to provide leadership in the practice of school nursing.**

3.1 Candidates practice according to legal and ethical principles.

3.2 Candidates direct nursing care through supervision and delegation and provide direction to a licensed practical nurse and delegate nursing tasks only in accordance with rules and regulations.

3.3 Candidates use principles of program management to facilitate school health services.

3.4 Candidates use leadership principles when directing school health programs.

3.5 Candidates advance school nursing practice through research utilization.

3.6 Candidates evaluate professional practice to assure quality.

3.7 Candidates engage in professional development and continuing education.