

# School Nurse Wellness Coordinator Endorsement Licensure

## Ohio Program Standards 2010

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Appendix B

**Ohio Educator Licensure Standards**  
**for**  
**School Nurse Wellness Coordinator Endorsement**

**Introduction**

Amended Substitute House Bill 1, of the 128th Ohio General Assembly, effective July, 2009, established the School Health Services Advisory Council. Members of the Council were appointed either by the governor or leaders in relevant cabinet level state agencies to bring to the table the expertise needed to complete the assigned charge.

The Council was charged with making recommendations on the following topics by March 31, 2010:

- The content of the course of instruction required to obtain a school nurse license under section 3319.221 of the Revised Code
- The content of instruction required to obtain a school nurse wellness coordinator license under section 3319.221 of the Revised Code
- Best practices for the use of school nurses and school nurse wellness coordinators, in providing for health and wellness programs for students and employees of school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314 of the Revised Code, and STEM schools established under Chapter 3326 of the Revised Code.

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

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## School Nurse Wellness Coordinator Endorsement Standards

**Standard 1. Wellness Coordination: Candidates practice competently as registered nurses and licensed school nurses, using a system approach to provide leadership and coordination for the wellness of students and their families, school staff, and the community at-large.**

1.1 Candidates create and/or obtain programs for the purpose of encouraging and cultivating healthy lifestyles of students, their families, and the school community.

1.2 Candidates use a collective body of resources to ensure the accuracy of information to be disseminated.

1.3 Candidates assist school policy makers and school staff to develop and foster informed decisions about the impact of health and wellness on academic achievement.

1.4 Candidates provide leadership and collaborate with other school staff to establish and manage a Coordinated School Health Program (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention model).

1.5 Candidates develop and/or obtain tools to conduct population health risk assessment.

1.6 Candidates provide leadership for the school wellness committee.

**Standard 2. Health Service Delivery System Coordination: Candidates practice competently as registered nurses and licensed school nurses, providing coordination of the school's health service delivery system.**

2.1 Candidates identify and use multiple data sources to identify student and staff health care needs.

2.2 Candidates guide and make recommendations to school boards for policy development and procedures for school health care delivery.

2.3 Candidates assess, plan, implement, and evaluate school health services that include a broad continuum of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention programs.

2.4 Candidates establish linkages and referral networks, providing system connections to community resources for health care.

2.5 Candidates provide leadership in the system-wide planning and continuous implementation of health care delivery, including coordination of health service delivery by licensed nurses and unlicensed assistive personnel.

2.6 Candidates establish appropriate procedures to collect, analyze and maintain data on health care services provided in the school district.

2.7 Candidates provide leadership and coordination in developing strategies for partnerships between schools and the community at-large to address unmet health care needs.

**Standard 3. Emergency Preparedness: Candidates practice competently as registered nurses and licensed school nurses, providing emergency preparedness programming.**

3.1 Candidates collaborate with school staff and community responders to develop a school community all-hazards emergency preparedness plan based on an assessment of each building, the district, and the community.

3.2 Candidates participate in mitigation, planning, response and evaluation of the school community all-hazards emergency preparedness plan.

3.3 Candidates provide leadership in the review and update of the school community all-hazards emergency preparedness plan on an annual and as-needed basis.

3.4 Candidates coordinate the communication between school district, families, students and community partners regarding the implementation of the school community all-hazards emergency preparedness plan.

**Standard 4. Leadership: Candidates function in an advanced role of school nursing, providing leadership with school staff and collaboration with other leaders in pupil service personnel and administrators.**

4.1 Candidates participate in the evaluation of school nursing practices and procedures to ensure consistency with the principles of safe nursing practice.

4.2 Candidates identify the need for additional education for licensed nurses, unlicensed assistive personnel and school staff and develop implements and evaluate a plan to provide such professional development.

4.3 Candidates serve as resources and mentors for school nurses, pupil service personnel and other school health care delivery providers.

4.4 Candidates collaborate with other pupil service personnel and administrators when carrying out the wellness, health care delivery, and emergency preparedness aspects of school operation.