

ALL GRADES SCHOOL NURSE TEACHER CERTIFICATE Pre-Kindergarten- Grade 12

The All Grades School Nurse Teacher Certificate is valid for assignment as an All Grades School Nurse Teacher and as an All Grades Health teacher in grades PK - 12 in Rhode Island public schools.

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

To be issued a certificate in All Grades School Nurse Teacher an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of All Grades School Nurse Teacher
- Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of Student Teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field Experience prior to Student Teaching
- Demonstration of meeting the Professional Competencies of the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards (RIPTS)
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the American Nurses Association (ANA)
- Other requirements:
 - Licensed as a professional nurse by the RI Department of Health
 - 3 Years of Documented Experience as a Professional Nurse

Assessment Requirements

Go to www.ets.org for test registration, dates and locations

All applicants must meet the following Rhode Island assessment requirements:

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 160 on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching - Grades K-6 (0622/5622) OR a passing score of 157 on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching - Grades 7-12 (0624/5624).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Current Routes to Certification

Certification may be attained through the following routes:

- Reciprocity
- Transcript Analysis

Reciprocity Requirements

Reciprocity is recognition of preparation or certification in another state as comparable to Rhode Island. Applicants seeking certification through reciprocity must demonstrate that they meet all Rhode Island certification assessment requirements, hold the additional required certificate and meet all experience requirements when applicable. Applicants can attain certification by completing a state approved program for Educator Certification in a state other than Rhode Island within the last 5 years OR by demonstrating that they hold a currently valid full certificate in another state.

Transcript Analysis Requirements

Applicants who have not completed an approved program or do not meet reciprocity requirements can be certified by Transcript Analysis until December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015 a Credential Review process will replace transcript analysis in areas for which there are no Rhode Island approved preparation programs. The All Grades School

¹ Full Certification in Rhode Island means a multi-year certificate that demonstrates the educator has met all Rhode Island requirements for certification in the three-tier certification system (Initial, Professional, or Advanced certification). Full Certification does not include Preliminary Certifications which require educators to meet additional requirements to attain full certifications. Full certifications in Rhode Island are comparable to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) stage three or higher certificates and are recognized by other states for certificate reciprocity.

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Nurse Teacher Certificate may be issued through two pathways; a One Year School Nurse Teacher Certificate or an Initial School Nurse Teacher Certificate.

Note: The One Year Professional Certificate is awarded to individuals who are not eligible for Full Rhode Island Certification in the area of School Nurse Teacher PK-12, but who have met specified criteria that qualify them to serve as educators while completing all full certification requirements.

The Initial Educator Certificate is awarded to individuals who are eligible for Full Rhode Island Certification in the area of School Nurse Teacher, by holding a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and having met all educational coursework and assessment requirements as specified below.

A. One Year Professional All Grades School Nurse Teacher Certificate:

I. Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis for a One Year Professional certificate by presenting evidence of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program designed for the preparation of professional nurses
- Licensed as a professional nurse in Rhode Island
- 3 years of documented experience in providing services as a professional nurse
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing assessments.
- Not less than 12 semester hours of coursework to include work in each the following areas:
 - Foundations of Education
 - Educational Psychology
 - Methods and Materials in Health Education
 - Methods and Procedures in School Nursing

II. The One Year Professional School Nurse Teacher certificate may be renewed annually upon the completion of 6 semester hours of college credits in the following content areas :

- Introduction to the Education of the Exceptional Child
- Principles of Program Design in Health Education
- Organization and Administration of School Health Programs
- Principles of Guidance

III. To be issued an Initial Certificate in All Grades School Nurse Teacher an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Completion of 24 semester hours of professional education course work as defined in Section I and II above.
- Present evidence of all requirements as defined in Section I and II above
- 2 years experience as a school nurse teacher

B. Certification Requirements for an Initial All Grades School Nurse Teacher Certificate

I. Applicants who hold a Bachelor's degree can be certified by transcript analysis for an Initial School Nurse Teacher certificate by presenting evidence of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program designed for the preparation of professional nurses
- Licensed as a professional nurse in Rhode Island
- 3 years of documented experience in providing services as a professional nurse
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing assessments.
- Not less than 24 semester hours of coursework to include work in each of the following areas:

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