Resolution regarding the ability for school nurses to use national certification in lieu of the 75/125 required clock hours for renewal

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board is responsible for maintaining licensing standards and requirements for teachers and related services providers in Minnesota, including school nurses.

WHEREAS, Minnesota rules establish requirements for teachers and related service providers seeking to renew their Tier 3 or Tier 4 license, including the requirement to complete 75/125 clock hours each renewal cycle.¹

WHEREAS, Minnesota rules allows teachers, school psychologists, and speech language pathologists to use national certification in lieu of clock hours.²

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Nursing recognizes several national certifications for nurses licensed in Minnesota that can be used towards the nurse’s continuing education requirement, including certifications from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses.³

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board recognizes the continuing education and learning affiliated with maintaining a nursing specialty certificate.

WHEREAS, I, Brian Rappe, certify that I am a member and the Chair of the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board, a board authorized under the laws of the State of Minnesota; that the following is a true, complete, and correct copy of a resolution that the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board adopted at a properly convened meeting on January 14, 2022; that a quorum was present; and that a majority of those present voted for the resolution, which has not been rescinded or modified.

THEREFORE, the Board resolved that school nurses who maintain a current nursing specialty certificate from an organization approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing may submit evidence of their credential in lieu of completing the required 75/125 clock hours.

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Brian Rappe, Chair
Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

Date: January 14, 2022
National Nursing Certification Organizations recognized at the time of this resolution:

- Addictions Nursing Certification Board
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses*
- American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
- American Association of Neuroscience Nurses
- American Board for Occupational Health Nurses
- American Board of Certification for Gastroenterology Nurses
- American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification
- American Midwifery Certification Board*
- American Nurses Association
- American Nurses Credentialing Center*
- American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses
- Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
- Competency and Credentialing Institute
- Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association
- Emergency Nurses Association
- HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board
- Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center
- Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation
- International Society of Plastic and Aesthetic Nurses
- Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board
- National Board for Certification of School Nurses
- National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurses Anesthetists*
- National Certification Corporation*
- Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission
- Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation
- Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board
- Pediatric Nursing Certification Board*
- Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board

*Certifies Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

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1 See Minnesota Rules 8710.7100 (Duty to renew) and 8710.7200 (Clock hours and required professional development topics).
2 See Minnesota Rules 8710.7200, subpart 5 (National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards); 8710.6000, subpart 4(B) (the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) credential from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association); and 8710.6200, subpart 4 (B) (the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential from the National Association of School Psychologists).
3 See Minnesota Rules 6310.2800, subpart 4a (C). The list of approved National Nursing Certification Organizations from the Minnesota Board of Nursing can be found at https://mn.gov/boards/assets/Ntl_Nurse_Cert_Orgz_12-2020_tcm21-429750.pdf#False.