

School Nurse Licensure Information

The following information relates to obtaining or renewing a Minnesota School Nurse License per [MN Rule 8710.6100](#). A school nurse is authorized to provide nursing services to prekindergarten through grade 12 students in a school setting.

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Licenses

Tier 1 and Tier 2 licenses for a school nurse are not available.

Tier 3 License

A Tier 3 license is valid for three years and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. This license may be renewed indefinitely. When applying for a Tier 3 license, use the [Tier 3 License Application](#).

Initial Tier 3 Application Requirements

The applicant must:

1. have a bachelor's degree or higher in nursing from a regionally-accredited college or university,
2. hold a current registered nursing license with the Minnesota Board of Nursing, **AND**
3. hold a current public health nurse registration from the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

Tier 4 License

A Tier 4 license is valid for five years and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. This license may be renewed indefinitely. When applying for a Tier 4 license, use the [Tier 4 License Application](#).

Initial Tier 4 Application Requirements

Applicant must:

1. meet all Tier 3 license requirements, and
2. have three or more years working experience as a school nurse.

Renewal of Tier 3 or Tier 4 License

A school nurse must:

1. provide evidence of current Minnesota Board of Nursing registration as a licensed registered nurse and registration as a public health nurse which must be maintained at all times. Lapse of this registration or licensure is grounds for revocation of licensure as a school nurse, **AND**
2. complete 75 [clock hours](#), including current mandatory requirements if holding a Tier 3 license.
3. complete 125 [clock hours](#), including current mandatory requirements if holding a Tier 4 license.

A school nurse may use the National nursing certification in lieu of clock hours to renew a school nursing license. Mandatory requirements may also be met through the credential process. The school nurse should provide evidence to the local relicensure committee for review.

Permissions

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board does not authorize or issue permissions for school nurses.

Testing

A school nurse is not required to pass content, pedagogy, or basic skills examinations to obtain or renew a school nurse license.

