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 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,
2. have three or more years working as a school nurse in Minnesota, AND
3. not have been placed on, or kept in, an improvement plan.

**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.