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Requirements for Educator Certificates

(42) School Nurse [All Levels].

(a) **Provisional** Certificate with Advanced Standing.

1. A valid license to practice as a Registered Nurse in Massachusetts;
2. Completion of a bachelor's in Nursing or a master's in Nursing degree from an accredited institution;
3. A minimum of two years of child health, community health, or other relevant **clinical** nursing experience;
4. Completion of an orientation program based on the requirements for delivery of school health services as **defined** by the Department of Public Health;
5. Current certification in **cardiopulmonary** resuscitation and **first** aid from a recognized provider.

(b) Standard Certificate.

1. Entry-level requirements for advanced school nurse, as described above;
2. Three years' experience as a school nurse;
3. Completion of a master's degree or equivalent district or other program in nursing, **education**, or a related field;
4. Maintenance of certification by a nationally **recognized** professional nursing association as a school nurse, community health nurse, or a pediatric/family/school nurse practitioner;
5. School nurses employed by a school district on or before June 18, 1993, with a minimum of **five** years' experience and a bachelor's degree **may apply** for certification; if they apply before October 1, 1999 they are exempt from the requirements listed in 603 CMR 7.10(42) (b) (1), (3) and (4).