

# ALL GRADES SCHOOL NURSE TEACHER CERTIFICATE (11508) 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 Certification<sup>1</sup>**

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 or Credential Review Consortium Institution (CRCI), 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
  - Meet all Rhode Island pedagogy testing requirements for this certificate area

## **Assessment Requirements**

Go to [www.ets.org](http://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 (5622) OR a passing score of 157 on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching - Grades 7-12 (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** - 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.
- **CRCI** - Completion of Credential Review Consortium Institution (CRCI) plan. For more information review the [Credential Review Pathways website](#).

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<sup>1</sup> 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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- **All Grades School Nurse Teacher Preliminary Certificate-** The All Grades School Nurse Teacher Preliminary 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.

## **I. First Issuance:**

Applicants can obtain a School Nurse Teacher Preliminary 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 by the RI Department of Health
- 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.

## **II. Conditions for Renewal:**

The All Grades School Nurse Teacher Preliminary Certificate may be renewed annually, up to six(6) times,

By presenting evidence of the following:

### **First Renewal**

- Evidence of enrollment in an approved program or Credential Review Consortium Institution (CRCI) plan
- Evidence of three (3) credits of coursework for the preparation of School Nurse Teacher
- Recommendation from the employing agency for renewal based on educator job performance

### **Subsequent Renewals**

- Provide evidence of a minimum of six credits of coursework as part of an approved program or CRCI plan
- Recommendation from the employing agency for renewal based on educator job performance

## **III. Issuance of Initial Certificate:**

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

- Completion of an approved School Nurse Teacher Program of Credential Review Consortium Institution (CRCI)Plan
- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 160 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching – Grades K-6 (5622) OR a passing score of 157 on the Principles of Learning and Teaching – Grades 7-12 (5624)
- 2 years experience as a school nurse teacher
- Valid license as a professional nurse by the RI Department of Health