

Chapter HSS 155**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES**

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History: Chapter H 112 as it existed on May 31, 1968 was repealed and a new chapter H 112 was created, Register, May, 1968, No. 149, effective June 1, 1968; chapter H 112 was renumbered chapter HSS 155, Register, April, 1982.

HSS 155.01 Definition. For the purposes of this chapter, a public health nurse is defined as:

(1) A nurse registered in Wisconsin who is employed in a supervisory capacity with a staff of one or more registered nurses, and/or licensed practical nurses either in a public health nursing service or in the schools, or

(2) A nurse registered in Wisconsin who is employed to work without locally employed public health nursing supervision either in a public health nursing service or in the schools.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1968, No. 149, eff. 6-1-68; renum. from H 112.01, Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82.

HSS 155.02 Application procedure. The nurse shall submit to the public health nurses examining council:

- (1) Request for certification.
- (2) A transcript of all college work.
- (3) The date and place of employment.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1968, No. 149, eff. 6-1-68; renum. from H 112.02, Register, April, 1982, No. 316, eff. 5-1-82.

HSS 155.03 Educational qualifications. (1) The qualifications for all public health nurses hereafter assuming positions requiring certification shall be:

(a) Completion of a basic degree program in nursing approved for public health nursing, or

(b) Completion of a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university, supplemented by a program of study including the theory and practice in public health nursing, as recommended and required by the public health nurses examining council. In lieu of public health nursing field practice, at the discretion of the council, evidence of satisfactory public health nursing experience under qualified supervision may be substituted, or

(c) Completion of a diploma nursing program supplemented by a program of study planned with the public health nurses examining council, this program to include a minimum of 24 semester hours of college study, and such theory and practice in public health nursing as recommended and required by the public health nurses examining council.

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(2) A list of subject areas from which courses shall be selected will be supplied on request to the public health nurses examining council.

(3) Educational qualifications will also be subject to evaluation by the public health nurses examining council if the qualifications as described above were obtained more than 5 years previously.

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HSS 155.04 Temporary certification. (1) Temporary certification may be granted to those registered nurses in positions requiring such certification for a period of one year.

(a) On completion of at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours of work in an accredited college, the subjects to be selected from the areas outlined in s. HSS 155.03 (2). If public health nursing content was not a part of one of the courses studied, at least the first session of the noncredit study course offered by an approved university must have been completed, or

(b) One year of experience in a generalized public health nursing agency under qualified supervision.

(2) Temporary certification may be renewed each year on presentation of evidence of progress in meeting full requirements for certification which must be completed within a period of 5 years.

(3) Temporary certification may be extended in exceptional cases at the discretion of the public health nurses examining council.

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