

Chapter H 112

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

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H 112.01 Definition. For the purposes of this chapter, a public health nurse is defined as:

(1) One 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) One 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, October, 1956, No. 10, eff. 11-1-56.

H 112.02 Application procedure. A nurse applying for certification as a public health nurse shall submit a transcript from the university or college and a statement from the course director indicating the program completed by the applicant.

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H 112.03 Qualifications. The qualifications of all public health nurses hereafter entering employment in Wisconsin shall consist of completion of a program of study in public health nursing as outlined by a public health nursing course director in a university at the time of the applicant's enrollment, except that there shall be provision for temporary certification as set forth in sections H 112.04 and

H 112.05. If more than 5 years have transpired from the time of completion of the course to the application for certification, such application will be subject to evaluation in terms of current public health nursing programs. Qualifications shall include completion of:

(1) A basic degree program in nursing preparing students for beginning positions in public health nursing, *or*

(2) A program with a major in public health nursing leading to the baccalaureate degree, *or*

(3) A program in general nursing leading to the baccalaureate degree, preparing students for beginning positions in public health nursing, *or*

(4) A program in public health nursing not leading to a degree. Satisfactory public health nursing experience under qualified supervision may be substituted for the required field practice.

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H 112.04 Temporary certification. Temporary certification shall not exceed 5 years and may be granted for one year to a nurse upon completion of:

(1) At least 6 semester or 9 quarter credits in a public health nursing course as outlined by a public health nursing course director, *or*

(2) One year's experience under supervision of a certified public health nurse.

(3) Additional credits must be obtained each year until certification requirements (30 semester or 45 quarter credits) are met.

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H 112.05 Extension of temporary certification. In exceptional cases an extension of time may be granted.

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