IL Public School Nurses

What are my renewal requirements?

Any licensee who holds a professional educator license endorsed for school nurse who is employed and performing services in Illinois public schools and who holds an active and current professional license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation related to nursing may renew his or her professional educator license by paying only the registration fees required. For this purpose "related to school nursing" means a school nurse holding a license issued under the Nurse Practice Act.

When renewing a professional educator license endorsed in school nurse, the licensee should enter in ELIS an “activity” stating he or she holds a current and active professional license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation related to school nursing, enter 120 hours for that single activity, and electronically sign an assurance that the professional development requirements for that license were met.

How much professional development do I need?

Any licensee who holds the professional educator license endorsed for school nurse and does not hold a current and active professional license issued by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation related to school nursing, must complete 120 hours of professional development activities for educator licensure renewal.

The following information is for those licensees who do not hold a current and active license issued by IDFPR.

Credit for Certain Activities Completed Prior to September 1, 2014

Certain activities completed before August 31, 2014 qualify a school nurse as meeting all of the 120 clock hours of professional development required and will be attributed to the 5-year renewal cycle in which the activity was completed. For each subsequent 5-year renewal cycle, the licensee must meet the applicable requirements. Any licensee who qualified for this activity completed prior to September 1, 2014 should enter his or her credit into ELIS by noting the activity completed and the credit earned, as follows:

- Nationally Certified School Nurse as certified by the National Board for Certification of School Nurses satisfies all continuing professional development requirements (120 PD Hours).

The ending date of the licensee’s 5-year renewal cycle in effect on July 1, 2014 is not changed by the new legislation.

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