Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina's School Nurses (Required)

Standard 1. School nurses demonstrate leadership. School nurses demonstrate leadership by promoting and enhancing the overall academic mission through providing health related services that strengthen student, home, school, and community partnerships to alleviate barriers to learning in the twenty-first century educational environment. School nurses are knowledgeable of relevant laws and policies and improve the profession by demonstrating high ethical standards and following the codes of ethics set out for the profession. School nurses manage school health services and effect change through school, district, and community activities. **Not Demonstrated Developing Proficient** Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) Element a. School nurses advocate for safe and effective school nursing services that address student needs and support learning. They participate in the implementation of initiatives designed to improve educational and support services to promote positive student outcomes. ... and ... and ...and The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: ☐ Demonstrates Promotes solutions ☐ Shapes the direction ☐ Partners with other knowledge of to social and of North Carolina's stakeholders to existing local, state, environmental school nursing influence school and federal laws issues for healthy practice by health, public governing school conditions for the engaging in health, and general health programs. entire school initiatives to healthcare policy. community. develop standards, Serves on state competencies, role ■ Advocates for definitions, position and/or national equitable healthcare statements, and/or committees to for all students. clinical guidelines. identify and address necessary policy changes. Element b. School nurses demonstrate leadership within the profession and practice setting and collaborate with the student, family, school staff, and community providers. ...and ...and ...and The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: ☐ Invites the ☐ Functions as a Provides direction Participates in contributions of liaison between the to enhance the hiring, mentoring, students, families, family, school and effectiveness of the and/or supporting and team members community. school other school nurses. to achieve optimal multidisciplinary interns, or school nursing students. outcomes. team. ☐ Participates in ☐ Engages in committees, ☐ Uses data to ☐ Collaborates and teamwork in a councils, or determine needed mentors colleagues collaborative administrative changes to the to enhance their teams in the school school nursing respectful, and understanding of professional setting. program. the school nursing manner. practice and how best to meet the needs of all students.

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Element C. School nurses	and	and	and	cattii sei vices.
The school nurse: ☐ Manages school health services in assigned schools. ☐ Acts as a resource for coordinated school health programs. ☐ Adopts available technology appropriate to the work setting.	The school nurse: ☐ Conducts assessments to identify program needs. ☐ Implements needed health programs. ☐ Supervises health assistants, aides, and unlicensed assistive personnel (UAPs) consistent with NC Board of Nursing requirements. ☐ Interprets the role of the school nurse and school health service needs to the	The school nurse: ☐ Stays abreast of current health issues and trends that may affect healthcare and sources of funding. ☐ Implements longterm strategies to address ongoing health issues.	The school nurse: Leverages cooperation between schools and communities on public health issues. Communicates to school and district administrators, the district board of education, and other stakeholders: Findings of trend analyses. Findings of outcome evaluations. Impacts and potential impacts of health related policies and	
	school and		programs.	
Element d. School nurse	community.			
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The school nurse: Adheres to the □ Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators □ Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for North Carolina Educators □ Code of Ethics with Interpretive Statements for the School Nurse (NASN 2010). □ Recognizes the centrality of student and family as core members of the healthcare team.	The school nurse: ☐ Assists students and families in self-determination and informed decision-making. ☐ Maintains professional role boundaries. ☐ Questions healthcare practice to maintain safety and quality practice.	The school nurse: Participates in interprofessional teams that address ethical risks, benefits, and outcomes. Promotes cooperation, respect, and trust by adhering to standards and applicable codes of conduct.	The school nurse: ☐ Consults with others to resolve ethical issues. ☐ Contributes to the establishment and implementation of district and/or state school nursing ethics committees.	
Integrates caring, kindness, and respect into practice.				

Fv	amples of artifacts that may be used to demonstrate performance:
	Annual review of the National Association of School Nursing Code of Ethics*
_	Documentation of Ethics Committee participation
=	Documentation of presentations to internal and external groups
	Adherence to standard operating procedures that ensure confidentiality of records
	Needs assessment findings (QA)
	Validation of formal/informal leadership roles
	Committee/workgroup minutes
Eva	aluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Demonstrated" ratings, recommended for all ratings.)
Co	mments of Person Being Evaluated: (Optional)

^{*} This artifact must be reviewed annually by the school nurse being evaluated and the evaluator.

Standard 2. School nurses establish a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for diverse populations. School nurses promote an environment in which individual differences are valued. They effectively use communication skills that demonstrate sensitivity necessary to work with families, students, and staff from diverse cultures and backgrounds. These cultural and background factors are incorporated into care planned by school nurses. School nurses also collect and use school, local, state, and national data to assist in promoting health and safety in the school environment. School nurses model practice in an environmentally safe and healthy manner that is consistent with the law and accepted standards. Not Demonstrated **Developing Proficient** Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) Element a. School nurses align practice with the requirements of the North Carolina Board of Nursing, recognized standards of nursing practice and North Carolina education goals. ... and ... and ... and The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: ☐ Understands ☐ Uses standard nursing Serves as a resource to Creates requirements of practice to help staff and peers on: opportunities to nursing practice in students reduce health ☐ Principles of advance school the North Carolina related barriers in nursing practice. nursing practice educational achieving academic Health related through student issues in environment. success. presentations, the educational publications. setting. and/or work groups. Element b. School nurses foster an environment that supports success of all students. ... and ... and The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: ☐ Recognizes the ☐ Addresses the health ☐ Collaborates as an Initiates system level unique challenges related needs of active member of activities that: for students in the assigned students in school based teams ☐ Foster safe. educational the educational that address the respectful, and environment. environment. needs of students. inclusive learning environments. ☐ Ensure equitable access to support services. Element c. School nurses communicate effectively in a variety of formats in all areas of nursing practice. ... and ... and ... and The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: The school nurse: ☐ Conveys information □ Assesses ☐ Seeks continuous ☐ Collaborates with communication to students, families, improvement of district colleagues preferences when and staff in formats own to design and working with that promote communication implement others. understanding. and conflictcommunication resolution skills. systems to meet □ Adheres-to ☐ Contributes own student and nursing regulations to professional Questions the needs. maintain the rights perspective when rationale of privacy and working in groups. supporting care confidentiality for and decisions when students and they do not appear families to be in the best interest of the ☐ Communicates student. clearly and concisely using Engages in formal

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Sta	ndard 2. School nurs	ses establish a safe, respect	ful,	and inclusive environ	ment	t for diverse populatio	ons.
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Ele	ment d. School nurse	s practices in an environm	enta	ally safe and healthy m	ann	er.	
The	e school nurse: Identifies potential	and The school nurse: Implements of strategies		e school nurse: Creates		e school nurse: Facilitates	
	environmental threats in the school setting.	to promote: A healthy school environment. An emotionally healthy school		partnerships that promote sustainable environmental health policies, including access to		assessment for factors that negatively affect health in the school setting.	
]	environmental health concepts.	culture.		healthy foods and physical activity. Critically evaluates		Advocates for the judicious and appropriate use of	
				environmental health issues prior		products such as cleaning agents,	
				to recommending action.		building materials, and pesticides in the school setting,.	
		at may be used to demonst	rate	performance:			
	Accident/incident rep						
	Nursing documentation						
	Minutes of team and Copy of presentation						
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	Other samples of writ						
_	Health care plans for						
		environmental assessment	tool				
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Eva	aluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Dem	ions	trated" ratings, recom	ımen	ded for all ratings.)	
Co	mments of Person Bei	ing Evaluated: (Optional)					

Standard 3. School nurses use their knowledge of the nursing process, current nursing standards, and principles of growth and development to facilitate and enhance competent practice in the school setting.

School nurses seek out continuing educational opportunities to expand their knowledge base and to maintain licensure and school nurse certification. School nurses are self-aware of learning needs when providing care and use current research and evidence based practices in the planning and delivery of care. School nurses share experience and expertise with peers and school staff.

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Element a. School nurs		competence that reflect cur		
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The school nurse: ☐ Maintains professional records that provide evidence of competence and learning.	The school nurse: ☐ Maintains clinical and professional skills through formal and informal learning experiences.	The school nurse: ☐ Demonstrates a commitment to lifelong learning. Identifies learning needs based on: ☐ Nursing knowledge.	The school nurse: □ Expands clinical knowledge, skills, abilities, and judgment to enhance role performance by incorporating current research.	
Completes annual health related trainings as required by the school district and health law.	□ Acquires training needed to attain or maintain national certification. □ Shares educational findings, experiences, and ideas with peers.	☐ The role of the school nurse. ☐ The changing needs of the population within the educational setting.	Plans, designs, and implements training programs in school health at the local, state, and/or national levels	
Element b. School nur		d research findings into nur		T
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The school nurse: ☐ Complies with school district policy regarding the conduct of research. ☐ Participates in data collection such as surveys, pilot projects, and	The school nurse: ☐ Uses current evidence-based nursing knowledge, including research findings, to guide practice.	The school nurse: ☐ Participates, as appropriate to education level and position, in the development of evidence-based school nursing practice through research.	The school nurse: ☐ Identifies clinical problems specific to nursing and other research. ☐ Contributes to the school nursing and school health literature.	
formal studies.			Contributes to nursing knowledge by conducting and analyzing research.	

Гv	amples of artifacts that may be used to demonstrate performance:
	Certificate of national certification*
	Registered Nurse Licensure*
	CEU certificates
	Proof of presentations at local, state, or national professional meetings
	CPR certification/ CPR instructor certification
	Proof of annual trainings in OSHA and other district/hospital or health dept. required competencies
	Publications
	College degree completion.
	Collection of data for annual school health services report.
Ev	aluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Demonstrated" ratings, recommended for all ratings.)
Co	mments of Person Being Evaluated: (Optional)

^{*}Item must be reviewed and discussed annually

Standard 4. The school nurses facilitates student learning by providing individualized care using the nursing process.

School nurses understand the influence of health related factors on student academic performance and achievement. School nurses use the steps of the nursing process in a problem solving manner to plan care that facilitates the ability of the student to be present in school and ready to learn

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	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
	ement a. School nurse rsing diagnoses.	es collect comprehensive o	data pertinent to the stud	ent's health and analyze t	he data to determine
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Th	collects and prioritizes comprehensive data based on the student's immediate condition or on anticipated needs. Uses appropriate evidence-based assessment techniques and tools. Establishes nursing diagnoses or issues through analysis of assessment data.	The school nurse: □ Validates the diagnoses or issues with the student, family, staff, and other healthcare providers when possible and appropriate.	The school nurse: Conducts family assessment to include family dynamics, structure, and function. Bases the nursing diagnoses on current research, knowledge of clinical diagnoses, and normal parameters relevant to potential problem areas.	The school nurse: ☐ Assesses the effect of interactions among individuals, family, community, and social systems on health and illness.	

Sta	ındard 4. School nur	ses facilitate student learni	ng by providing individua	lized care using the nursin	
	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
		ie assessment, school nurses	identify expected student	outcomes and develop a p	
	ain those outcomes.	and	and	and	
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	e school nurse: Involves the student, family, healthcare providers, and others in formulating plan. Develops expected outcomes that facilitate continuity of care. Uses the plan to provide direction to other members of the healthcare	The school nurse: □ Derives culturally appropriate, developmentally suitable outcomes from the diagnoses. □ Modifies the plan based on the ongoing assessment of the student's response and other outcome indicators.	The school nurse: ☐ Integrates current scientific evidence, trends, and research into planning. ☐ Designs strategies to meet the multifaceted needs of students with complex healthcare needs	The school nurse: ☐ Recognizes interventions that require system-level involvement. ☐ Considers associated risks, benefits, costs, and expected outcomes in planning care.	
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	ement c. School nurs	es implement the plan of ca	re, coordinate care deliver	ry, and evaluate the effecti	veness of the plan.
The	collaborates with school staff and family members to incorporate the healthcare plan into the education setting in a safe, realistic, and timely manner.	The school nurse: ☐ Assumes responsibility for the safe/efficient implementation of the plan. ☐ Provides holistic care that addresses diverse needs. ☐ Manages care to	The school nurse: Applies available healthcare technologies to maximize optimal outcomes. Provides anticipatory guidance to promote health.	The school nurse: ☐ Partners with businesses and community organizations to leverage resources to implement sound healthcare programs. ☐ Evaluates health	
<u> </u>	Documents all aspects of the nursing process. Provides indicated individual and	maximize independence and quality of life and access to education in the least restrictive environment.	Disseminates the results of evaluation to student/family, healthcare provider, and	information resources to help students, families and staff to access quality information.	
	group health teaching and health counseling. Conducts a systematic, ongoing, and criterion-based evaluation.	 □ Assesses and assures that interventions minimize unwarranted or unwanted side effects. □ Serves as a primary resource to school staff (and others) regarding health education. 	others.	Provides consultative services that build on evidence-based practice and theoretical frameworks.	

Standard 4. School nur	ses facilitate student learning	by providing individuali	zed care using the nursin	g process.
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	ses utilize appropriate resour	ces to plan and provide s	chool health services that	are safe, effective, and
financially responsible.		1	1	
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The school nurse: ☐ Delegates care to others adhering to the NC Board of Nursing guidelines ☐ Assists the student and family in securing available services. ☐ Documents all aspects of resource utilization, including delegation and staff training.	The school nurse: ☐ Takes into account the complexity of the task, and desired outcomes when considering resource allocation. ☐ Advocates for resources, including technology, that enhance school nursing practice. ☐ Uses a multidisciplinary approach to formulate plans of care.	The school nurse: □ Evaluates safety, effectiveness, availability, and costs of resources when choosing among practice options.	The school nurse: ☐ Identifies resources needed to provide quality care for all students. ☐ Develops innovative solutions to provide quality nursing initiatives. ☐ Leverages available school and district resources to obtain additional resources for quality care and	
			nursing initiatives.	
Examples of artifacts th	nat may be used to demonstra	te performance:		
☐ Individualized health	n care plans			
☐ Emergency health ca	are plans			
☐ Nursing care plans				
☐ Delegated teaching/n				
☐ Nursing documentat	ion records- all aspects of nursi	ng process		
☐ Meeting minutes, i.e	. family meetings, collaborative	e teams, etc.		
☐ Medication audits	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
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Standard 5. School nurses reflect on their practice.

School nurses demonstrate accountability for managing and delivering comprehensive school health services. School nurses analyze formal and informal data to evaluate the effectiveness of service delivery. School nurses adapt their practice based on current and relevant research findings and data to best meet the needs of students, families, schools, and communities. School nurses utilize collaborative relationships with colleagues, families, and communities to reflect upon and improve their practice.

collaborative relationship	s with colleagues, families,	and communities to reflect u	ipon and improve their pract	tice.
Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
Element a. Quality of p	ractice: School nurses con	tinually strive to improve	practice.	
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The school nurse: ☐ Thinks systematically and critically about the impact of comprehensive school nursing services on student success.	The school nurse: □ Collects and analyzes data needed to evaluate the effectiveness of service delivery.	The school nurse: ☐ Uses knowledge of research and program evaluation to impact practice and student success.	The school nurse: Promotes the adaptation of professional practices to meet the needs of students, families, schools, and communities based on relevant research findings and data.	
Element b. Professiona	l practice evaluation: The	school nurses engage in se		
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The school nurse: Identifies links between professional growth and professional goals.	The school nurse: Formulates personal plans for ongoing professional growth. Uses the self-assessment process to reflect on ability to meet or exceed NC standards for school nurses.	The school nurse: ☐ Expands expertise in a specialized area. ☐ Applies new knowledge to professional practice.	The school nurse: ☐ Provides assistance to colleagues for guidance and assistance to specialized knowledge and skills.	

Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence of performance:
☐ Professional growth plan
☐ Program design and implementation
☐ Membership in professional organizations
☐ Research results
☐ Participation in professional learning communities
☐ Participation in offering professional development opportunities
☐ NC Board of Nursing Continuing Competence Self Evaluation
Evaluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Demonstrated" ratings, recommended for all others.)
Comments of Person Being Evaluated (Optional)

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Note: The school nurse's signature on this form represents neither acceptance nor approval of the report. It does, however, indicate that the school nurse has reviewed the report with the evaluator and may reply in writing. The signature of the principal or evaluator verifies that the report has been reviewed and that the proper process has been followed according to the North Carolina State Board of Education Policy for the School Nurse Evaluation Process.

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