

School Nurse

The school nurse practices professional nursing within an educational setting with the goal of assisting students to develop to their greatest physical, emotional, and intellectual ability. School nurses promote health and safety practices and provide interventions to actual and potential health problems. The nurse responds to acute injuries within the school population, as well as assist students to manage chronic conditions, such as food allergies, asthma, seizures, and other illnesses.

Qualifications:

- A current unrestricted South Carolina Registered Nurse License
- Be a graduate of a State approved nursing program
- Red Cross or American Heart Association BLS, CPR certified
- A minimum of one year experience, pediatric experience preferred. Be strong in assessment skills and able to respond confidently to emergencies
- Basic computer skills required, keyboarding proficient
- Passion for working with and caring for children and their families.
- Good communication skills and desire to work closely with a Team (educators, therapists, families, and health care providers)

Physical Requirements:

- Fast pace working environment which includes walking between classrooms to provide nursing services
- Occasionally requires physical exertion to manually move, lift, carry, pull, or push heavy objects or materials. Lifting up to 40 lbs. Medium work: exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently and/or up to 10 pounds of force as needed to move objects.
- Occasional stooping, bending, and reaching
- Works primarily inside, but may require work during outside activities.
- Noise levels may be such that will require loud talking to be heard on occasion.

Responsibilities:

- Provide first aid and health assessment
- Coordinate the care of students with chronic or acute health conditions
- Administers First Aid and care to ill or injured students and staff as stipulated by the Meyer Center Policies and Procedures. Student care being the main objective.
- Identifies students with Chronic illnesses and students whose conditions could result in emergency care
- The RN prepares Individual Health Care Plans and/or Emergency Action Plans on those students with chronic illness and Students with conditions that could result in emergency. The RN will prepare the necessary care plan and will obtain signatures from the parent and the health care provider on current orders for the student.
- Administers medications to and provides treatments for (i.e. urinary catheterizations, G-tube feedings, suctioning, administration of Oxygen, etc) students according to Meyer Center Policies and guidelines always adhering to LLR Nursing Board Guidelines.
- Documents nursing interventions and billing on computer software
- Maintains the Health Room
- Observes and reports regularly to the Lead Nurse on identified health problem of students that deviate from the applicable plan of care. Collaborates with the Lead Nurse for further instructions in revision of the Students Individual Health Care Plan.
- Enforces established infection control policies and procedures on the exclusion and readmission of students

- Completes UAP (Unlicensed Assistive Personnel) training when applicable
- Keeps the Executive Director and Lead Nurse informed of any health-related problems and/or injuries at school requiring immediate care by EMS or parent pick up.
- Reports outbreaks of Communicable diseases to the lead nurse. Adheres to SC Exclusion Laws. Keeps Executive Director aware of process reporting
- Performs any other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Director, Therapy Director, and/or Lead Nurse keeping duties in the Health Room as priority.
- Maintains capability of securing EMS support via 911.
- Follows all billing to administer IEP and non IEP services, and Medicaid documentation requirements of SCDHHS, SCDOE, and SCPCSD

Professional Growth Responsibility

- Recognizes the need for and secures verification of competencies for required procedures that had not had recent validation by the Lead Nurse.
- Assumes responsibility for professional growth by completing 30 hours of LLR Board approved nursing education every two years. A requirement of South Carolina Licensure.