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Kansas Nurse Practice Act Requirements for the Nurse in the School Setting

60-15-101. Definitions and functions:

(a) Each registered professional nurse in a school setting shall be responsible for the nature and quality of all nursing care that a student is given under the direction of the nurse in the school setting. Assessment of the nursing needs, the plan of nursing action, implementation of the plan, and evaluation of the plan shall be considered essential components of professional nursing practice and shall be the responsibility of the registered professional nurse.

(b) In fulfilling nursing care responsibilities, any nurse may perform the following:

- ✦ Serve as a health advocate for students receiving nursing care;
- ✦ counsel and teach students, staff, families, and groups about health and illness;
- ✦ promote health maintenance;
- ✦ serve as health consultant and a resource to teachers, administrators, and other school staff who are providing students with health services during school attendance hours or extended program hours; and
- ✦ Utilize nursing theories, communication skills, and the teaching-learning process to function as part of the interdisciplinary evaluation team.

(c) The services of a registered professional nurse may be supplemented by the assignment of tasks to a licensed practical nurse or by the delegation of selected nursing tasks or procedures to unlicensed personnel under supervision by the registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse.

(d) “Unlicensed person” means anyone not licensed as a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse.

(e) “Delegation” means authorization for an unlicensed person to perform selected nursing tasks or procedures in the school setting under the direction of a registered professional nurse.

(f) “Activities of daily living” means basic caretaking or specialized caretaking.

(g) “Basic caretaking” means the following tasks:

- ✦ Bathing;
- ✦ dressing;
- ✦ grooming;
- ✦ routine dental, hair, and skin care;
- ✦ preparation of food for oral feeding;
- ✦ exercise, excluding occupational therapy and physical therapy procedures;
- ✦ toileting, including diapering and toilet training;
- ✦ hand washing;
- ✦ transferring; and
- ✦ ambulation.

(h) “Specialized caretaking” means the following procedures:

- ✦ Catherization;
- ✦ ostomy care;
- ✦ preparation and administration of gastrostomy tube feedings;
- ✦ care of skin with damaged integrity or potential for this damage;
- ✦ medication administration;
- ✦ taking vital signs;
- ✦ blood glucose monitoring, which shall include taking glucometer readings and carbohydrate counting; and
- ✦ performance of other nursing procedures as selected by the registered professional nurse.

(i) “Anticipated health crisis” means that a student has a previously diagnosed condition that, under predictable circumstances, could lead to an imminent risk to the student's health.

(j) “Investigational drug” means a drug under study by the United States food and drug administration to determine safety and efficacy in humans for a particular indication.

(k) “Nursing judgment” means the exercise of knowledge and discretion derived from the biological, physical, and behavioral sciences that requires special education or curriculum.

(l) “Extended program hours” means any program that occurs before or after school attendance hours and is hosted or controlled by the school.

(m) “School attendance hours” means those hours of attendance as defined by the local educational agency or governing board.

(n) “School setting” means any public or nonpublic school environment.

(o) “Supervision” means the provision of guidance by a nurse as necessary to accomplish a nursing task or procedure, including initial direction of the task or procedure and periodic inspection of the actual act of accomplishing the task or procedure.

(p) “Medication” means any drug required by the federal or state food, drug, and cosmetic acts to bear on its label the legend “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription,” and any drugs labeled as investigational drugs or prescribed for investigational purposes.

(q) “Task” means an assigned step of a nursing procedure.

(r) “Procedure” means a series of steps followed in a regular, specific order that is part of a defined nursing practice.

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60-15-102. Delegation procedures: Each registered professional nurse shall maintain the primary responsibility for delegating tasks to unlicensed persons. The registered professional nurse, after evaluating a licensed practical nurse's competence and skill, may decide whether the licensed practical nurse under the direction of the registered professional nurse may delegate tasks to unlicensed persons in the school setting. Each nurse who delegates nursing tasks or procedures to a designated unlicensed person in the school setting shall meet the requirements specified in this regulation.

a) Each registered professional nurse shall perform the following:

- ✦ Assess each student's nursing care needs; formulate a plan of care before delegating any nursing task or procedure to an unlicensed person; and formulate a plan of nursing care for each student who has one or more long-term or chronic health conditions requiring nursing interventions.

(b) The selected nursing task or procedure to be delegated shall be one that a reasonable and prudent nurse would determine to be within the scope of sound nursing judgment and that can be performed properly and safely by an unlicensed person.

(c) Any designated unlicensed person may perform basic caretaking tasks or procedures as defined in K.A.R. 60-15-101 (g) without delegation. After assessment, a nurse may delegate specialized caretaking tasks or procedures as defined in K.A.R. 60-15-101 (h) to a designated unlicensed person.

(d) The selected nursing task or procedure shall be one that does not require the designated unlicensed person to exercise nursing judgment or intervention.

(e) If an anticipated health crisis that is identified in a nursing care plan occurs, the unlicensed person may provide immediate care for which instruction has been provided.

(f) The designated unlicensed person to whom the nursing task or procedure is delegated shall be adequately identified by name in writing for each delegated task or procedure.

(g) Each registered professional nurse shall orient and instruct unlicensed persons in the performance of the nursing task or procedure. The registered professional nurse shall document in writing the unlicensed person's demonstration of the competency necessary to perform the delegated task or procedure. The designated unlicensed person shall co-sign the documentation indicating the person's concurrence with this competency evaluation.

(h) Each registered professional nurse shall meet these requirements:

- ✦ Be accountable and responsible for the delegated nursing task or procedure; at least twice during the academic year, participate in joint evaluations of the services rendered; record the services performed; and adequately supervise the performance of the delegated nursing task or procedure in accordance with the requirements of K.A.R. 60-15-103.

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60-15-103. Supervision of delegated tasks or procedures: Each registered professional or licensed practical nurse shall supervise all nursing tasks or procedures delegated to a designated unlicensed person in the school setting in accordance with the following conditions.

(a) The registered professional nurse shall determine the degree of supervision required after an assessment of appropriate factors, including the following:

- ✦ The health status and mental and physical stability of the student receiving the nursing care; the complexity of the task or procedure to be delegated; the training and competency of the unlicensed person to whom the task or procedure is to be delegated; and the proximity and availability of the registered professional nurse to the designated unlicensed person when the selected nursing task or procedure will be performed.

(b) The supervising registered professional nurse may designate whether or not the nursing task or procedure is one that may be delegated or supervised by a licensed practical nurse.

(c) Each delegating registered professional nurse shall have a plan to provide nursing care when the delegating nurse is absent.

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60-15-104. Medication administration in a school setting: Any registered professional nurse may delegate the procedure of medication administration in a school setting only in accordance with this article.

(a) Any registered professional nurse may delegate the procedure of medication administration in a school setting to unlicensed persons if both of the following conditions are met:

- ✦ The administration of the medication does not require dosage calculation. Measuring a prescribed amount of liquid medication, breaking a scored tablet for administration, or counting carbohydrates for the purpose of determining dosage for insulin administration shall not be considered calculation of the medication dosage.

- ✦ The nursing care plan requires administration by accepted methods of administration other than those listed in subsection (b).

(b) A registered professional nurse shall not delegate the procedure of medication administration in a school setting to unlicensed persons when administered by any of these means:

- ✦ By intravenous route;
- ✦ by intramuscular route, except when administered in an anticipated health crisis;
- ✦ through intermittent positive-pressure breathing machines; or
- ✦ through an established feeding tube that is not inserted directly into the abdomen.

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Policy Guidance

http://www.kdheks.gov/c-f/downloads/School_Nurse_Chronic_Disease_Manual.pdf

Kansas State Statutes

http://www.kdheks.gov/c-f/downloads/Kansas_Statutes_of_School_Health_Services.pdf

State Reference Site

<http://www.kdheks.gov/c-f/school.html>

National Association of School Nurses

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