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**TO:** All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the  
California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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**SUBJECT:** Approved Amendment of Section 80050, Pertaining to the Health  
Services (School Nurse) Authorization

The Office of Administrative Law has approved the amendments to Title 5 regulations pertaining to the Health Services (School Nurse) Authorization. These changes, which will be implemented February 1, 2000, make several changes to the Health Services (School Nurse) Authorization regulations.

**Summary of Changes**

Effective February 1, 2000, the "Health Services (School Nurse) Authorization" is retitled the "School Nurse Services Credential." A Special Teaching Authorization in Health, based on a candidate's possession of a valid professional clear School Nurse Services credential, completion of an accredited professional preparation program, and passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), is established. The minimum requirements for the preliminary School Nurse Services credential, professional clear School Nurse Services credential, and the Special Teaching Authorization in Health are clarified. The periods of validity for the preliminary, the Professional Clear, and the Special Teaching Authorization in Health are defined.

**Division VIII of Title 5  
California Code of Regulations**

Approved Amendment of Section 80050.

**Pertaining to the School Nurse Services Authorization**

**80050. Specific Requirements for the Preliminary and the Professional Clear School Nurse Services Credential, including Requirements for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health.**

- (a) The minimum requirements for the preliminary School Nurse Services Credential shall include all of the following:
  - (1) a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and
  - (2) a valid California license as a registered nurse.
- (b) The minimum requirements for the professional clear School Nurse Services Credential shall include all of the following:
  - (1) Possession of a California Preliminary School Nurse Services Credential;
  - (2) a valid California license as a registered nurse;
  - (3) Two years or the equivalent of successful service as a school nurse; and
  - (4) The completion of a professional preparation program for the School Nurse Services Credential accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, including successful completion of supervised field experiences, and the recommendation of the candidate for the School Nurse Services Credential by the college or university where the program was completed.
- (c) The minimum requirements for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health, which may be added to an existing credential or taken in conjunction with the requirements specified in (b) above, include all of the following:
  - (1) Possession of a valid professional clear California credential that authorizes service as a school nurse or completion of the requirements specified in (b) above;
  - (2) a valid California license as a registered nurse;
  - (3) Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST); and
  - (4) The completion of a professional preparation program for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, including successful completion of at least six graduate semester units (or nine quarter units) of coursework and at least fifteen clock hours of observation and forty-five clock hours of student teaching specifically designed to prepare nurses to teach health, and the recommendation of the college or university where the program was completed.

- (d) Authorizations:
- (1) The School Nurse Services Credential authorizes the holder to perform the services as specified in Education Code section 49426.
  - (2) The Special Teaching Authorization in Health authorizes the holder to teach classes in health in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive and classes organized primarily for adults as specified in Education Code 44267.5(d).
- e) The period of validity is as follows:
- (1) The Preliminary School Nurse Services Credential shall be issued for five years.
  - (2) The Professional Clear School Nurse Services Credential shall be valid for the length of time specified in Title 5 Section 80553.
  - (3) The Special Teaching Authorization in Health shall be valid as long as the prerequisite credential authorizing school nurse services is valid.

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44252, Education Code. Reference: Section 44267.5, Education Code; Section 49426, Education Code