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All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities
of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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**SUBJECT: Implementation of the Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Health
Services: School Nurse Credential Programs (2007)**

Summary:

The Commission approved revised program standards for Health Services: School Nurse Credential Programs at the November 2007 meeting. Prospective preparation programs may now develop a new School Nurse preparation program and submit the program document for approval. Currently approved programs will need to review and then modify the program to meet the new standards.

Key Provisions:

Institutions may submit new program documents for Commission approval. Current School Nurse preparation programs must submit to the Commission's Common Standards and the School Nurse Standards (2007). The Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Health Services: School Nurse Credential Programs Handbook contains guidance for submitting a program document.

Important Dates:

Current programs must be approved under the Health Services: School Nurse Credential Program Standards (2007) by January 2010.

Background

The Health Services: School Nurse credential program standards, dated from 1994, had not been revised until the standards development process began informally in 2005. At that time, members of school nurse organizations and school nurse credential program



directors started discussing at their own professional meetings the need to revise and update the Health Services: School Nurse credential program standards. CTC staff was invited to several of these meetings to hear the views of the field with respect to the status of these program standards.

At the time, the field indicated the following major areas for needed revisions to the standards:

- *Eliminate duplication between the current Health Services: School Nurse standards and the Commission's Common Standards.*
- *Streamline and merge Categories III-V and the Role Concepts.*
- *Reformat the standards to align with the format of newer standards adopted by the Commission.*

The work of the development team began officially in 2006 when a panel of experts representing K-12 practicing school nurses, college and university School Nurse Credential Programs, and school nursing organizations was appointed by the Executive Director to revise the Health Services: School Nurse credential program standards.

References:

Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Health Services: School Nurse Credential Programs Handbook:
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/standards/SVC-Nurse-Handbook.pdf>

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