



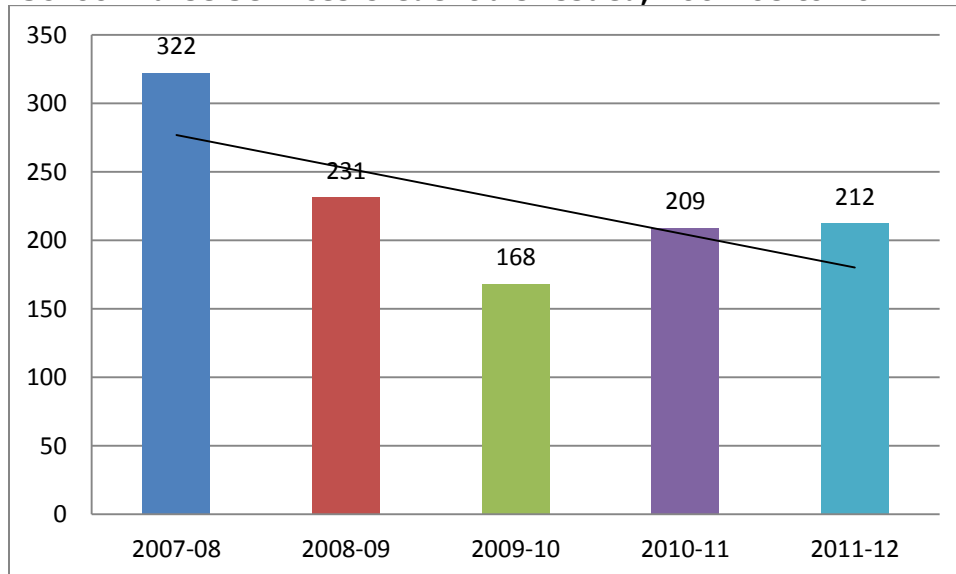
School Nurse Services Credentials Issued: 2007-08 to 2011-12

A School Nurse Credential authorizes the holder to perform the following services:

- Conduct immunization programs pursuant to Education Code section 49403
- Assess and evaluate the health and developmental status of pupils
- Interpret the health and developmental assessment to parents, teachers, administrators, and other professionals directly concerned with the pupil
- Design and implement individual student health maintenance plans, incorporating plans directed by a physician
- Refer the pupil and parent or guardian to appropriate community resources for necessary services
- Maintain communication with parents and all involved community practitioners and agencies to promote needed treatment and secure reports of findings pertinent to educational planning
- Interpret medical and nursing findings appropriate to the student's individualized education program and make recommendations to professional personnel directly involved
- Consult with, conduct in-service training for, and serve as a resource person to teachers and administrators
- Develop and implement the health education curriculum
- Act as a participant in implementing a comprehensive health instruction curriculum for students
- Counsel and assist pupils and parents in health-related and school adjustment services
- Teach health-related subjects under the supervision of a classroom teacher
- An individual who holds a School Nurse Services Credential may elect to also earn a Special Class Authorization (SCA). If a school nurse holds an SCA, he or she may teach departmentalized health classes. The Commission does not issue emergency permits or waivers for School Nurses.

Every year, about 200 new credentials are issued for School Nurses. Another 600-700 credentials were renewed each year in the past five years. More than 300 new credentials were issued in 2007-08. There was a significant decrease (almost by half) in 2009-10. In the recent past two years, there has been a small increase, 209 in 2010-11 and 212 in 2011-12. Overall, the number of new credentials issued decreased by about 34 percent between 2007-08 and 2011-12. The figure below illustrates the downward trend in the number of credentials in the past five years.

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Data include new (initial) credentials only; do not include renewals.

During the same time period, the number of school nurses in the California public schools also declined from 2,877 in 2007-08 to 2,361 in 2011-12, a decline of about 18 percent.