



Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
Medical and Public Health

REGISTERED NURSE

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Registered Nurse is a trained professional who cares for the sick or infirm
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Emergency Care Task Force, Behavioral Health Community Services Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Functions as the nurse manager, supervising a team of other nurses and patient care providers	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Practices a specialty to treat and manage specific injuries, illnesses, and exposures	The Registered Nurse (RN): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provides health care to individuals, families, and communities 2. Promotes health, disease prevention, and comprehensive health care 3. Assesses patients' and families' health status and needs (physical, emotional, psychological, and social) 4. Provides clinical assessment and treatment 5. Coordinates multidisciplinary care and other patient care needs in a variety of settings or coordinates assessment and intervention at a community level 6. Provides clinical assessment of functional and access needs and special medical needs 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Completion of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Completion of educational criteria for specialty preparation	Graduate of an accredited nursing program	Specialties may include infectious disease, public health, emergency care, critical care, cardiovascular care, interventional radiology, perioperative care, neuroscience, nephrology, psychiatric care, pediatric care, obstetrical care, neonatal care, oncology, hospice and palliative care, medical/surgical care, and rehabilitation.



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TRAINING	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Three years of experience in a supervisory position within a healthcare setting, such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service, overseeing nurses providing direct patient care commensurate with the mission assignment	Same as Type 3, PLUS: One year of experience in the specialty practice area	Two years of experience in a clinical practice setting such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1. Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time 2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) 3. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's immunization recommendations for emergency responders	PPE is mission-specific and may vary by working environment, including protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposures, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.



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CURRENCY	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Currently works in a supervisory position within a healthcare setting, such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service, overseeing nurses providing direct patient care commensurate with the mission assignment	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Currently works in direct patient care environment, using a specialty practice area, within a healthcare setting, such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years 2. Currently works in a healthcare setting, such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment 3. Immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment 4. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires 	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and a local, state, and national criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	State, the District of Columbia, or US territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as an RN without restrictions	Not Specified



NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Emergency Care Task Force
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Behavioral Health Community Services Team
3. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
4. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016
5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
6. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted