

## VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

<b><i>TITLE: Student Health Services Staff and Contract Physicians</i></b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER: SH02</b>
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**Policy Statement:** All nursing staff employed by the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind will hold a valid license issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Student Health Services will maintain a contract with a licensed physician(s) for the oversight of medical care and services provided to students and employees.

*VAC 54.1-3408. Professional use by practitioners*

**Procedure:**

1. All nursing staff and contract physicians must maintain a valid license issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies of licenses are provided to the Director of Student Health Services and Human Resource department.
2. SHC nursing staff are available in person or by telephone while students are in residence. During the night, the residential hall supervisor or designated residential hall staff will contact an on-call RN for questions or concerns.
3. Students may not be left unattended in the SHC. If a student is resting and there is only one nurse present, another VSDB employee may provide brief supervision until the nursing staff returns to the SHC.
4. Annually, the contract physician and the Director of Student Health Services will review all standing orders, over-the-counter medication lists, and services agreement.
5. The contract physicians are available by phone 24 hours a day while students are in residence.
6. The VSDB nursing staff should be involved in school meetings, safety and crisis planning/implementation, and with health education for students, parents, and/or employees. The nursing staff will also be available to teach prevention and management of acute and chronic health conditions

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