

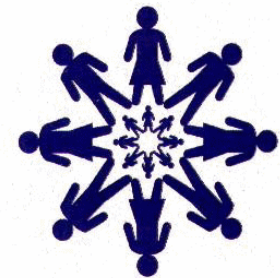
**School Nurses
have the
education and
expertise to
function
successfully in
the inseparable
complex systems
of education and
health.**

***Optimal learning
requires
good health.***
**The School Nurse
is the most
qualified person
to provide this
service for you.**

**This pamphlet is
presented to
you in the hope of
increasing
awareness regarding the
effective use of the
Professional
School Nurse.**

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*We care for
Wisconsin's
children.*



Who is the school nurse?

- ❖ A professional registered nurse (R.N.) licensed to practice nursing by the state board of nursing.
- ❖ A professional nurse, accountable to practice in accordance with current:
 1. Professional Standards of School Nursing Practice, as stated by the National Association of School Nurses (NASN).
 2. State Laws, rules and regulations.
- ❖ The most appropriate professional with educational expertise to manage, deliver and delegate health care in the school setting.

Wisconsin Association of School Nurses recommends:

- ❖ A Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from an accredited college or university.
- ❖ School Nurse Certification through the National Board for Certification of School Nurses or Certification from the Department of Public Instruction.

A School Nurse needs expertise in the following areas:

- ❖ Pediatric, public health and mental health nursing with strong health promotion, assessment and referral skills.
- ❖ Education and health laws impacting children.
- ❖ Teaching strategies for the delivery of health education to students and staff.

What does the school nurse do?

The professional school nurse is a leader in building a healthy school community that promotes successful student learning. The school nurse collaborates within the school community to plan, implement, and evaluate the school health program by considering the following areas:

- ❖ Health Services—coordinates nursing services for students and staff and facilitates the Health Services Program.
- ❖ Health Education—provides health education programs/in-services to students, staff and community members.
- ❖ Healthy Environment—assists with the determination and monitoring of safety issues that may compromise a safe physical, emotional and social school environment.
- ❖ Nutritional Services—promotes nutritious school meals and student participation in the School Food Service Program.
- ❖ Physical Education and Activity—supports programs that promote healthy physical activity and exercise, fitness and sports participation.
- ❖ Counseling/Mental Health Services—promotes and develops helping relationships using strategies of assessment, intervention and referral.
- ❖ Parent, Family and Community Involvement—initiates and establishes health partnerships within the community and as a school liaison.
- ❖ Staff Wellness—promotes staff well-being by initiating and supporting health promotion programs.

What services does the school nurse provide?

As the health services expert, the School Nurse serves as the health professional for the school community and provides the following services:

- ❖ Develops school district policies, goals, and objectives.
- ❖ Identifies, assesses, plans, intervenes, and evaluates student health concerns that impact student learning.
- ❖ Develops policies and procedures for illness/injury prevention and intervention, including crisis management.
- ❖ Assists students with chronic illness to manage their health.
- ❖ Develops health plans and services for students with disabilities and/or health conditions that interfere with learning.
- ❖ Manages medication administration for the school district.
- ❖ Supervises staff providing pediatric nursing procedures; ventilators, gastrostomy feedings, tracheotomy care, catheterization.
- ❖ Recommends health curriculum and activities to promote health and prevent consequences of risk taking behavior.
- ❖ Acts as school/community/health care provider liaison.

