

School Nurses have the education and expertise to successfully navigate the complex relationship between complex education and health care systems to improve student health outcomes.

*Optimal learning requires* good health.

A School Nurse is the most qualified person to provide this service for your school.

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## *Wisconsin Association of School Nurses*



We care for  
Wisconsin's  
children



## Who is the school nurse?

- ◆ A bachelor's or master's prepared registered nurse 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 education expertise to manage, deliver and delegate health care in the school setting.

### **Wisconsin Association of School Nurses recommends:**

- ◆ 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.

## 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 healthy 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.

## 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 illnesses 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, gastroenterology feedings, catheterization.
- ◆ Recommends health curriculum and activities to promote health and prevent consequences of risk taking behavior.