



THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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School Health Services

Welcome back to the 2012-13 school year!

The Connecticut State Department of Education's *Health Promotion Services/School Nurse* Program provides consultation to school nurses, school nurse leaders, school administrators and the community regarding the health and safety of students. This consultation and technical assistance includes addressing the provisions of health services during the school day and the promotion of health and wellness activities that support student achievement. Professional development programs are periodically organized to further assist and support school nurses.

The *Health Promotion Services/School Nurse* Web site is located at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/schoolnurse>. As you begin preparing for the new school year, please take the opportunity to familiarize yourselves with the available resources located on this Web site as they contain valuable information that informs your work.

Publications

- Bed Bug Guide for Connecticut Schools
- Competency in School Nurse Practice School Nurse Competencies Checklist and Evaluation Tool
- Connecticut Guidelines for the Sexual Health Education Component of Comprehensive Health Education
- Connecticut School Health Survey
- Guidelines for a Coordinated Approach to School Health
- Guidelines for Blood Glucose Self-Monitoring in School
- Guidelines for Cumulative Health Records
- Guidelines for Health Screenings: Vision, Hearing and Postural
- Guidelines for Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in Connecticut Schools
- Learning and Diabetes: A Resource Guide for Connecticut Schools and Families
- Linking Lead and Education Data in Connecticut Phase I
- School Nurse Bulletins
- The Nurse's Office: Cleaning the Safe and Healthy Way
- Tuberculosis Control Screening Guidelines in Schools

Health Forms

- Health Assessment Form (Blue Form)
- Early Childhood Health Assessment Form (Yellow Form)
- Immunization Requirements
- ED513 - Health Service Plan
- Medical Exemption Immunization Form
- Religious Exemption Immunization Form
- Sample Medication Authorization Form
- Individualized Health Care Plan
- Epinephrine Administration Form
- Sample HIPAA Form
- HUSKY School Form

Professional Development Opportunities



**The Connecticut State Department of Education
presents the following opportunity for school nurses,
nurse supervisors and administrators**

Fall 2012 Nursing Supervisor Conference

Thursday, September 27, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Cromwell, 100 Berlin Road
Cromwell, Connecticut 06416

Facilitator.....Stephanie Knutson, MSN, RN, School Health
Consultant, Connecticut State Department
of Education

Fee.....\$50 (includes breakfast and lunch)

CEUs.....0.6

Course #.....1225300047 

Register by:.....9/13/12

This activity will provide school nurse supervisors with information on multiple state initiatives and trends in the state. Additionally, school nurse supervisors will have the opportunity to network with colleagues.

As a result of attending this conference, participants will:

- gain additional knowledge in health promotion of school nursing services;
- gain additional knowledge in state-mandated immunization regulations; and
- gain additional knowledge in the role of school health services in school reform.

Register online at www.registereastconn.org. Click on the event title. You will need to input your four-digit PIN number and a valid Purchase Order (P.O.) number from your school. Note: If you will be paying by a personal check and not using a P.O., you will receive an invoice via e-mail to send in with your check.

If you have questions regarding registration, or have difficulty using the online form, e-mail conferenceoffice@eastconn.org, or call 860-455-1533.

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Professional Development Opportunities, Cont'd

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SERC ONLINE for School Nurses

www.ctserc.org


The State Education Resource Center (SERC) offers online courses in addition to its other professional development. For more information or to register for an online course for school nurses, click on the "Online Learning" tab at www.ctserc.org. Questions? Contact Rebecca Guildner, Education Services Specialist, at (860) 632-1485, x 293, or at guildner@ctserc.org.

Assessing Student Hearing: Screening Procedures for School Nurses

\$35

Activity Code: 13-23-068

1.0 CEUs

This self-paced tutorial provides the opportunity for school nurses to gain expertise in conducting mandated hearing screening assessments. The course provides a medical foundation for hearing acuity and hearing impairment, offers explicit instruction in audiological instrumentation and screening procedures, and outlines educational supports needed in school settings by students with hearing loss. Completion of a final supervised practicum will enable participants to receive CEUs and a Hearing Screening Training Certificate.

Upon fulfilling the requirements of this online course, school nurses will be able to describe the anatomical and physiological bases for hearing and the origins, symptoms, and treatment of hearing problems; identify the educational and social impacts of hearing loss; plan and conduct developmentally appropriate hearing screenings; and modify screenings for students with special needs and those in early childhood programs.

Availability: Ongoing

Nursing Assessment, IHCPs and IEPs - An Interactive Online Course for School Nurses \$65

Activity Code: 13-23-075

3.0 CEUs

School nurses must have specialized skills in collecting, analyzing, and synthesizing health data for students with special education exceptionalities. This 16-week online course will introduce school nurses to a framework and tools for this work. Participants will select a case study of a student from their school, assess the student's health status, and summarize the information into an Individualized Health Care Plan (IHCP) and an individualized education program (IEP). The course involves self-guided learning accessed through online modules.

Participants are required to complete three application of learning assignments, participate in online discussions, and convene once as a small group on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 to share their case study IHCP.

NOTE: School nurses must have had a minimum of two years of experience working in schools to register for this course. Also, successful completion of this program requires a commitment of dedicated learning time. As appropriate, discuss this requirement with a supervisor in your school or district and arrange for substitute coverage or other considerations as needed.

The course will run from January 7, 2013 through April 26, 2013.

School Vision Screening - An Online Course for School Nurses

\$30

Activity Code: 13-23-069

.5 CEUs

Connecticut school nurses can self-pace their learning about vision and school vision screenings by participating in this online course. This tutorial explains which students and staff should be involved in the screening process and reviews vision anatomy and physiology, as well as common pediatric vision problems.

School nurses completing this online course will be able to describe the anatomical and physiological bases for vision to distinguish between typical and atypical development; discuss common eye problems (symptoms, treatment, and complications); describe the purposes and procedures of various recommended vision screening tests; and use the materials in the course and the *Guidelines for Health Screenings* (CSDE, 2004) to develop and implement a comprehensive vision screening program, modifying procedures for students with special needs and those in early childhood programs.

Availability: Ongoing

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