



# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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**Nurses Week in Connecticut 2014**  
**Nurses Leading the Way....**  
Celebrate Nurses Week starting with Nurses Day, May 6th and ending with Florence Nightingale's Birthday on May 12<sup>th</sup>.  
<http://198.65.151.129/Doc-Vault/NWPProclamation.pdf>

  
State of Connecticut

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*WHEREAS*, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

*WHEREAS*, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

*WHEREAS*, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

*WHEREAS*, professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

*WHEREAS*, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers; and

*WHEREAS*, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging American population, the continuing development of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

*WHEREAS*, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will continue to grow in importance to the United States health care delivery system; and

*WHEREAS*, along with the American Nurses Association, the Connecticut Nurses' Association will honor National Nurses with the theme "Nurses: Leading the Way", now

*THEREFORE*, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 – 12, 2014 as

**NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**  
in the State of Connecticut.

  
  
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**2014**  
**National School Nurse Day**  
**The School Nurse: Caring for Others. Caring for Ourselves.**

**National School Nurse Day, May 7, 2014**, is a time to celebrate the specialty practice of school nursing. The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) and the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) applauds the contributions school nurses make every day to improve the safety, health, and academic success of all students.

The theme this year, “**The School Nurse: Caring for Others. Caring for Ourselves**,” is reflective of the significant roles school nurses have in the healthcare in their school communities, as well as in modeling health and resiliency. That healthy children learn better is a simple truth, and school nurses work to remove barriers to learning. In the United States more than 73,000 school nurses are stepping up to help students meet new challenges they face today and working to support education and advance student health. Health, healthy lifestyles and graduation are the goals.

NASN and the CSDE’s School Health Administrator, Stephanie Knutson, believes all teachers deserve to have school nurses in their buildings, so teachers can focus on instruction and individual educational needs; and parents deserve to feel secure that children are safe at school and their health needs are met every day by specialized school nurses. School nurses have the skills to plan and implement care for students with chronic and medically complex conditions and prepare school staff to recognize and respond appropriately to potential emergencies. Prevention is key in school wellness and safety, but planned emergency response and disaster preparedness is essential and an important role for school nurses.

The NASN’s full report is available on the NASN Web site at  
<http://www.nasn.org/AboutNASN/MediaRoom/NewsReleaseView/tabid/765/ArticleId/681/National-School-Nurse-Day-2014>

**What’s New on the CSDE School Nurse Web site?**

**Revised AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION SAMPLE FORM**

A revised *Authorization for the Administration of Medication by School, Child Care and Youth Camp Personnel* sample form has been developed. This form incorporates all of the state requirements regarding medication administration that apply to child day care programs, youth camps, and schools and may be used to authorize the administration of medication to children that participate in these settings. This form consolidates information previously contained on separate forms into one form to reduce the documentation requirements placed on parents whose school age children require medications in school and also attend childcare and/or youth camp programs.

This sample form is located on the Connecticut State Departments of Education (CSDE) and Public Health (DPH) Web sites:

- CSDE - <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/MedicationForm.pdf>
- DPH - [http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/daycare/pdf/CDC\\_YC\\_AdminMeds.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/daycare/pdf/CDC_YC_AdminMeds.pdf)

## Professional Development Opportunity

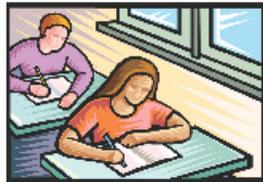


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### Lead Awareness and Management Workshop



Tuesday, May 13, 2014 • 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.  
Crowne Plaza, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416



Through stimulating presentations and action-oriented activities school teams will learn up-to-date research related to the effects of lead exposure on child development and learning, school district responsibilities in identifying and intervening with students who have a history of lead poisoning, and resources available for training other school personnel.

As a result of participating in this workshop, attendees will learn about:

- new guidelines for educators related to lead prevention;
- early identification of students exposed and affected by lead;
- educational programming in response to lead exposure in order to mitigate or eliminate existing or potential deficits; and
- on-line training courses available for educators.

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

**Fee:** FREE (includes breakfast and lunch)

**Register by:** 4/30/14

**Course #:** 1325300863

**Register:**

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