

THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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Connecticut School Nursing Professionals Shine!

Dr. Cheryl Resha, Ed.D, RN, Education Manager, Connecticut State Department of Education and Patricia Krin, Senior Nurse Administrator, APRN, NCSN, Newington Public Schools, have been accepted for induction into the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) Academy of Fellows and will be inducted into the Academy at the NASN Annual Conference in San Francisco in June 2012.

The purpose of the distinctive award of Fellow of the National Academy of School Nursing is to recognize members of NASN whose achievements have made enduring, unique and extraordinary contributions to the advancement of professional school nursing practice. The National Academy of School Nursing comprises a group of leaders who provide the vision and clinical expertise to advance the knowledge and skills of school nurses, promote the visibility of school nursing practice, influence policy development, contribute to research and exemplify highly effective management skills in the delivery of effective health services in schools.

The honor of Fellow is the most prestigious recognition that members can receive from the NASN. It is a symbol of superior achievement in the school nursing profession and exceptional contributions to NASN. The depth and breadth of the Fellow's imprint on the field is extraordinary, their contributions have had significant and enduring impact, and their exemplary leadership qualities and achievements are recognized by many.

The Honor of Fellow is far more than peer recognition of long service to NASN, success in one employment situation, or a single achievement. It does not reward the culmination of a distinguished career. The Fellow of the National Academy of School Nursing has demonstrated profound excellence and prominent contributions to the field of school nursing in a manner which have has had far reaching effects on the practice.

Congratulations Cheryl and Pat and thank you for your extraordinary leadership in Connecticut and throughout the country in school nursing practice.



Form ED 513, Health Service Plan, 2011-12 School Year

Section 10-217a of the Connecticut General Statutes requires each town or regional school district that provides health services to children attending its public schools, in kindergarten through Grade 12, to provide the same services to children in those grades who attend nonprofit private schools within their jurisdiction, when a majority of children in those nonprofit private schools are Connecticut residents. In order to administer the grant program, which funds the health services in these nonprofit private schools, the Connecticut State Department of Education has determined that information is needed regarding the health services that participating towns or regional school districts provide to their public school children.

The official letter from the CSDE to school superintendents and municipal officers that accompanies Form ED 513 (the reporting tool that captures delivery of health services to children attending its eligible nonprofit private schools) is forthcoming. Please be prepared to assist with the completion of this form before the close of the 2011-12 school year.

Form ED513 can be accessed at the Health Promotion Services/School Nurse Web site at http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/ PDF/deps/student/health/ED513.pdf.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Knutson at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov.

2011-12 School Health Services Information Survey

Thank you for your efforts last year with the School Health Services Information Survey. We received 88 percent of surveys back from Connecticut school districts. A copy of the report along with the 2004-11 Summary Highlights Report are available at the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Health Promotion/School Nurse Web site http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2678&q=320768 (scroll down to "Definition of School Nursing/Survey" section).

The CSDE would again like to request your participation in the School Health Services Information Survey. This survey represents an opportunity to continue documenting the school health services provided to students and staff in Connecticut public and private, non-profit schools. All surveys MUST be completed by June 30, 2012, to allow adequate time for data analysis.

To increase ease in completion, we will be utilizing SurveyMonkey for this year's data collection. All information needed to complete the survey may be found on the EDUCATION CONNECTION Web site at www.educationconnection.org. On the homepage you will see instructions for completion of the survey.

I would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this important project. Please feel free to contact me at 860-807-2108 or stephanie.knutson@ct.gov if you have any questions.

Professional Development Opportunities

School Nurse Emergency Medical Services for Children Program

A program of the University of Connecticut's (UConn) Center for Continuing Studies in cooperation with UConn's School of Nursing

Date

August 14-16, 2012

Program Overview

The purpose of this program is to reduce morbidity and mortality in children and young people who are injured or become ill at school.

This three-day workshop includes topics such as crisis management, school emergency response and the use of automatic external defibrillators. The lectures and demonstrations will be presented by an experienced team of instructors and include triage and critical problem-solving scenarios with emergency medical services personnel.

Continuing Education Contact Hours

This program is approved for 18.33 Nursing Continuing Education Contact Hours. UConn School of Nursing is an Approved Provider of Continuing Nursing Education by the Connecticut Nurses' Association, an Accredited Approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Alternatively, certain nursing educators may qualify to receive 1.8 State of Connecticut, Department of Education CEUs. If you desire CEUs, please consult with program staff at sign-in.

Location

University of Connecticut, Bishop Center, I Bishop Circle, Storrs, Connecticut

Questions

For more information, contact the program administrator at cpdinfo@uconn.edu or call the Center for Continuing Studies at 860-486-3231.



Professional Development Opportunities, cont'd

Full Day Regional Professional Development Opportunities November 6, 2012 (Election Day!)

The Coordinated School Health Cadre of Nurse Trainers will be providing regional professional development opportunities on November 6, 2012 (Election Day)!

Registration: complete the **Presentation Criteria Form** located on page 4 of this **Bulletin** and e-mail to Stephanie Knutson at Stephanie.knutson@ct.gov.

Deadline for registration: June 30, 2012

Regional Professional Development Opportunities:

- West Haven Public School District
 - o Emergency Responses to school injuries 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 - Pediatric Psychopharmacology 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
- Staples High School, 70 North Avenue, Westport, Connecticut
 - O Seizure Management in Schools 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Norwalk Public School District, TBD
 - Comprehensive Diabetes Management: Pathophysiology, Nutrition and Technical Aspects of Insulin Pump Management 8:30-11:30am
 - Legal Rights of Teens 12:20 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
- Southington Public School District, TBD
 - o Section 504 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m.
- Newington High School, 605 Willard Avenue, Newington, Connecticut
 - Section 504 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

Note:

- Cadre presentations cost: \$100 per visiting school district or \$10/person.
- You are responsible for arranging for CEU's for this professional development activity with your school district. The
 Connecticut State Department of Education Cadre and the Association of School Nurses does not offer CEU's for
 these activities.

Register early! Walk-in registration will not be available at these events.

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Connecticut State Department of Education Cadre of Nursing Trainers Presentation Criteria/ Professional Development Request Form

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (Election Day!)

Date of Request:
Requestor:
Job Title:
School District:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Title of Presentation:
Date and Time of Presentation:
Location of Presentation:
Number of Participants:
Title of Presentation:
Date and Time of Presentation:
Location of Presentation:
Number of Participants:

Note:

- Cadre presentations cost: \$100 per visiting school district or \$10/person.
- Meals will not be provided.
- Handouts will be emailed to your attention prior to the event. You are responsible for copying handouts for each presentation.
- You are responsible for arranging for CEU's for this professional development activity with your school district. The Connecticut State Department of Education Cadre and the Association of School Nurses does not offer CEU's for these activities.

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