



# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

## Official Statement

On behalf of the State of Connecticut,

I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor,  
take great pleasure in  
recognizing

*May 6, 2015*

as

*School Nurse Day*

This day recognizes the  
important role school nurses play  
in the State of Connecticut.

Providing students with access to health  
professionals is a critical component to ensuring our  
students are ready and able to learn. The  
commitment school nurses have to  
our students is commendable.

I thank you for your outstanding dedication  
to the success and wellness of Connecticut's  
future generations.

Therefore, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut,  
do hereby proclaim May 6, 2015 as

*School Nurse Day*  
in the State of Connecticut.



  
GOVERNOR

**2015  
National School Nurse Day  
The School Nurse: Caring for Others. Caring for Ourselves.**

The following National Association of School Nurses' (NASN) full text is available on the NASN Web site at <http://www.nasn.org/AboutNASN/NationalSchoolNurseDay>

On May 6, we recognize our school nurses by celebrating National School Nurse Day as a way to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting. The theme this year is, *School Nurses: Caring for Others. Caring for Ourselves.*

Parents should be able to send their children to school with the peace of mind that they will remain safe, healthy, and ready to learn. Given that today's children face more chronic health illnesses (such as, asthma, diabetes, food allergies, etc.) than ever before, school nurses take their roles as licensed professionals very seriously. Their knowledge, assessment skills and judgment help ensure and provide quality health care to the students they serve.

School nurses take on a variety of roles every day. For many children, they are the only health professional they may have access to, except in emergencies. This becomes even more important as the prevalence of chronic social, emotional, and other health problems keep increasing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), asthma is the leading chronic illness among children and adolescents in the United States. On average, in a classroom of 30 children, about 3 are likely to have asthma. Further, childhood obesity has more than doubled in children and quadrupled in adolescents in the past 30 years. Today, approximately one in every 400 children and adolescents has type 1 or type 2 diabetes. According to a study released in 2013 by the CDC, food allergies among children increased approximately 50 percent between 1997 and 2011. The CDC reports that food allergies are a growing food safety and public health concern that affect as estimated 4-6 percent of children in the United States. School nurses help develop, implement, and monitor Individualized Healthcare Plans for these students.

It seems like common sense that healthier students are better learners. But evidence-based research in fields ranging from neuroscience and child development to epidemiology and public health support this argument. Therefore, investing in programs and services that seek to improve the health and well-being outcomes of all students should be a priority.

Thank you school nurses for helping to ensure that our children and youth have a successful, productive, and healthy future.

**National School Nurse Day!**

**National School Nurse Day Background:** Since 1972, National School Nurse Day has been set aside to recognize school nurses.

**Purpose:** National School Nurse Day was established to foster a better understanding of the role of school nurses in the educational setting.

**Date:** National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurse Week and National Nurse Week is always May 6th through May 12th.

## Professional Development Opportunity



The Connecticut State Department of Education in Partnership with the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut



**!! SAVE THE DATE !!**

### 2015 Summer Institute: Clinical Assessment Skills Training for School Nurses



**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2015  
**Location:** Connecticut State Department of Education,  
25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - CEUs will be provided.  
**Cost:** \$125.00 (Breakfast & Lunch included)  
 (Number of attendees is limited to the first 50 registrants)

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS FORTHCOMING!**

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