



SCHOOL NURSING AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

Working Together for Student Success



SCHOOL NURSING

- Registered nurses who practice in schools and lead the delivery of student health services
- Serves the entire student population and school community
- 82% of schools report they have a school nurse¹
- Practices within the *Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice*^{TM 2}
 - ◆ Standards of Practice
 - ◆ Care Coordination
 - ◆ Leadership
 - ◆ Quality Improvement
 - ◆ Community/Public Health
- Funding Models:
 - ◆ Local school district
 - ◆ Local public health department
 - ◆ Children's hospital
 - ◆ 3rd party payer

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

- Multidisciplinary healthcare teams located in schools or on school grounds
- Serve enrolled students and families
- 4.6% of schools have a school-based health center¹
- Provide primary care including the following:
 - ◆ Laboratory services
 - ◆ Medical diagnosis and treatment
 - ◆ Medication prescriptions
 - ◆ Oral health care (optional)
 - ◆ Mental health care (optional)
- Funding Models:
 - ◆ Foundations
 - ◆ Healthcare systems
 - ◆ 3rd party payer

School nursing and school-based health centers complement care provided at school. One does not replace the other.

Collaboration between school nurses and school-based health centers enhances students' health, overall well-being, and academic success.

¹U.S. Department of Health and Human Services & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2015). *School policies and practices study*. Retrieved from http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/shpps/pdf/shpps-508-final_101315.pdf

²National Association of School Nurses. (2016). Framework for 21st century school nursing practice. *NASN School Nurse*, 31(1), 45-53. Also available at <https://www.nasn.org/portals/0/resources/21stCenturySchoolNurseFramework2015.pdf>