



NASN2024 TOPICS LIST

**Here is a list of top topics that school nurses want to learn more about.*

- **Emerging Topics and Concerns**
 - The school nurse's role in the crisis prevention/response/recovery process
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Evidence-based innovative programs/interventions
 - Self-care
 - Opioid crisis update
 - Vaping and cannabis
 - Preschool issues
 - High School issues
 - Building resiliency
 - Impairment assessments
 - Leading during outbreaks
 - Infection control
 - Environmental health
 - Medicaid expansion and school health services reimbursement
- **Leadership (preceptorship, employee evals, SN salaries, budgeting, staffing, contracts, unions, delegation, moral distress, etc.)**
 - Leadership track for school nurses (school leadership, how to be seen as a leader on your campus, etc...)
 - Leadership track for school nurse leaders (current administrators and executives - local, district, and state)
 - Leadership track for aspiring new school nurse managers/administrators.
 - NASN Affiliate leaders
 - School nurse educators – training the next generation of leaders, innovation and critical thinking, new solutions to chronic barriers
 - Self-care
- **Students healthy, safe, and ready to learn:**
 - How to implement evidence-based practice
 - Chronic absenteeism
 - Chronic conditions(i.e POTS, ME/CFS, PANDAS, Asthma, Diabetes, Epilepsy, etc...)
 - Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) & related social needs
 - Individual social emotional learning (SEL) needs

- How to address from a school-wide approach using interprofessional collaboration
- Physical/Mental Health Assessment
- Medically Complex populations
- Co-morbidities and chronic health conditions
- Rural and Tribal school health
- How to address with limitations on resources and access to care.
- **Laws applicable to SNs (public/private/independent, etc...)**
 - Overnight field trips
 - Preparing medication for field trips.
 - Training of staff - How to get educators familiar with plans, practices, and compliance concerns
 - What are the legal obligations in handling concerns in private, parochial, independent or non-public schools?
 - How to navigate the State Nurse Practice and Education laws while in the school setting
 - How to address compliance concerns in those schools
 - Before and after the school bell obligations, what if something happens during a SNs lunch break, etc...
 - HIPAA/FERPA/IDEA/ 504
 - Labor and Human Resources laws
- **Data/Quality Improvement (QI)**
 - Collection
 - How to identify current data collected, its value, and how the school nurse can utilize it. Providing an opportunity for each school nurse to actively identify data points in his/her school/clinic and assess the effectiveness of the collection and utilization and provide guidance on how to create a data improvement plan specific to his/her practice
 - Utilization of data to change nursing practice and improve student outcomes (EBP)
 - Using data to ensure culturally competent nursing care
- **Safe and Supportive School Environment**
 - Workplace bullying, domestic violence (intimate partner), workplace violence, etc...
 - Campaign to combat School Shootings
 - Trauma, at Risk Youth, Suicide
 - LGBTQIA
 - ACEs Training
 - At-risk screenings and surveillance
 - Social-emotional learning
 - Social equity
 - Social justice



- Racism
- Restorative justice
- Mental health
 - Health impact of social media for students - anxiety, isolation, screen-time issues, etc...
- **Advocacy**
 - How to talk with legislators, Board of Education and hearings.
 - Key messaging for connecting with key stakeholders.
 - Writing grants for small projects.
 - How to start and manage support groups for students.
 - Communication avenues (blogging, school newsletters, letters to editors or community local newspapers) and how to frame the messaging to keep students and families at the center.
 - How to make and use community connections and coalition building with community stakeholders and leaders to leverage school health.
 - Access to a SN is a health equity issue.

There are more topic examples within the Cadmium submission portal.