



THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVOCATE

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- * SNANC Education Day
March 26, 2026
- * SNANC Mini grant applications due
March 15, 2026
- * Marilyn Asay Scholarship due
April 14, 2026
- * SNOY SNAOY applications due
May 15, 2026
Please see the **For Members** tab on our website www.SNANC.com for more information and to apply

National School Nurse Day

was established to foster better understanding of the role of school nurses in the education setting.

Thank you for all you do every day to improve the lives of students, their families and staff.



MINDFUL SAFETY
FROM THE PLAYGROUND TO THE DIGITAL WORLD

March 26, 2026
9:00-3:00
Jacksonville, NC

ONSLOW COUNTY SCHOOLS
EASTERN REGIONAL SKILLS CENTER

LUNCH PROVIDED
5 CEU'S PENDING

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION](#)

Measles- Stay Updated

Cases of measles have been identified in North Carolina since December 2025. The NC Division of Public Health has resources related to measles which are shared here. We encourage school nurses to be familiar with the guidance provided and to stay current on this emerging topic. Your local health department is also a resource to provide you with any guidance that is unique to your community.

[NCDHHS Measles Guidance for NC Schools](#)

[Measles, What to Know](#)

[Vaccine Information](#)

[Measles Cases and Outbreaks Dashboard](#)

SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES WITH SNANC

SNANC Mini Grants

Bring your great idea to improve the practice of school nursing to life with a SNANC Mini Grant. The focus of your project should be health promotion, education disease prevention or school nurse professional research.

Important details

- Grant amount \$1,000
- Due by March 15, 2026
- Requirements, Applications and Rubric as well as past grant programs are available [here](#).

School Nurse and Nurse Administrator of the Year

This is your opportunity to recognize a colleague you feel demonstrates excellence in his/her practice of school nursing. It is also a time to recognize a leader who demonstrates quality leadership and provides the guidance to support and develop excellent school health services and program.

Important details

- Nominations are due by May 15, 2026
- Requirements, Applications as well as past recipients are available [here](#).

Marilyn Asay

Looking to further your education to enhance your practice of school nursing? The Marilyn Asay Scholarship was established with a focus to assist school nurses committed to a career in the school setting and further their clinical practices and leadership skills.

Important details

- Scholarship amount \$1,500
- Due by April 14, 2026
- Requirements, Applications and Rubric as well as past grant programs are available [here](#).

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

Get ready for a day packed with learning, networking, and inspiration at the Coastal Region Spring CEU Day

Mindful Safety: From the Playground to the Digital World"

Thursday, March 26th, 2026

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Onslow County Schools
Eastern Regional Skills Center
Jacksonville, NC**

- ✓ Earn up to 5 CEUs
- ✓ Hear about topical nursing issues that that matter most
- ✓ Enjoy a provided lunch (menu on our registration form!)
- ✓ Connect with fellow nurses and recharge your professional passion

Agenda

- **Social Media Safety** (FBI): Suggestions to protect youth online and spot emerging threats.
- **Fire Prevention**: Understand the impact of home fires and how we can support families.
- **Injury Protocol & Emergency Response**: Stay ahead on sports and other injuries—because YOU are the health expert in the building.
- **Mental Health**: Explore its profound impact on student success and why prevention matters now more than ever.
- **Whole Foods & Nutrition**: Back-to-basics eating for healthier communities.

Bring your questions, ideas, and enthusiasm!

More information can be found on the [Events Page](#) and the agenda, housing information and more are on the [registration](#) form.

This is more than a CEU day—it's a chance to grow, connect, and make a difference. Don't miss out!

Questions? Please contact Susan Brown at 910-798-6520.



Regional happenings

Sandhills Region

Regional Meeting

March 17 9:00am-12:00pm

Presentation:

Pediatric Health Emergencies Encountered in the Community Setting

Cost is free for SNANC Members

- 2.0 nursing hours
- breakfast and lunch
- door prizes

for more information click [here](#)

New to school nursing_ did you know:

Within the first six months of employment or contract as a school nurse you are required to complete the School Nurse Orientation Modules offered by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services /DHHS

and

Within two years of employment or contract by a PSU, complete the School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities course offered by DHHS.

Please reach out to your immediate supervisor for more information and guidance. Your regional school nurse can also be a resource. Nor sure who this is, check [here](#).

Mountain Region

Education day that will feature:

- Common GI disturbances
- Orthopedic Emergencies
- Emergency Care in the School setting
- Diabetes Updates
- Hands-on option for the afternoon session

March 19

8:00am-12:05- in person and virtual webinar

1:00-4:30pm in person hands-on simulation

MAHEC Education Building

121 Hendersville Rd

Asheville, NC

Click [here](#) for more information and to register



Certification is a process indicating an individual has met predetermined standards that recognize a specialized body of knowledge, skills, and experience.

Summer Testing Window:

7/9-8/16 2026

Registration Window:

4/6-6/9 2026

Fall Testing Window:

10/22-11/22 2026

Registration Window:

8/17-9/22 2026

[Exam information](#)

[Exam preparation Resources](#)



A Word From our New President, Brooke Hamby



Dear SNANC Members,

I hope you are all well and energized following the holiday break for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year! As we continue our journey together as the School Nurse Association of North Carolina, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication to the health and well-being of students and school staff from across our great state. I am truly humbled to take the reins as Executive Board President, a responsibility I embraced at our meeting at the annual school nurse conference back in December. It was inspiring to engage with so many passionate professionals who are committed to make a difference in the lives of children.

Reflecting on our time together at the social event, I can't help but remember the joy and camaraderie we all shared while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, and dancing the night away. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with friends and colleagues, celebrate our successes, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as school nurses. If you were unable to attend, I encourage you to prioritize attendance at this annual social event/meeting in December of this year. This meeting is also where we nominate and vote for your executive board members.

As school nurses, we face a unique set of challenges, particularly in light of increasing public health concerns related to measles. With recent discussions around measles preparedness and having positive cases here in several counties within North Carolina, it is more crucial than ever that we stay informed and proactive in protecting our students and greater communities. Our collective efforts are key to ensuring the safety and health of the children we serve.

Together, we can ensure that our schools are safe environments where every child has the opportunity to thrive. I am looking forward to continuing our work together to strengthen our workforce and our association as a whole.

Thank you all for all that you do. I am excited about what the future holds for school nurses in North Carolina and our essential role in fostering the health of our students.

Warm regards,

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