



Preparing for the NCSN Exam: Suggested Resources

The following resource list may be helpful in preparing for the NCSN exam. It does not constitute a complete listing nor an endorsement by NBCSN. **The first three publications should be available in every health office. References listed in the primary resources below are used to develop the NCSN exam questions.** Primary resources provide the critical knowledge necessary for the school nurse.

Supplemental resources may be helpful for a more thorough understanding of an area with less familiarity. Use the most current edition of the resource. The initials “n.d.” or “no date” indicate the website resource is updated too frequently to list a current publication date.

Primary Resources:

1. R. Shannon, & C. Yonkaitis, C. (Eds.). (2025). *School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text (4th edition)*. F.A. Davis Company. <https://my.nasn.org/online-store/publications>
2. C. Resha, & V. Taliaferro (Eds.). (2024). *Legal Resources for School Health Services. (2nd edition)*. *School Health Alert*. <https://schoolnurse.com/online-store>
3. National Nurses Association (NASN). (2022). *Scope and Standards of School Nursing Practice. (4th edition)*. American Nurses Association. <https://my.nasn.org/online-store/publications>
4. National Association of School Nurses (NASN). (n.d.). Various Position Statements, Issue Briefs & Clinical Guidelines. NASN. www.nasn.org
5. Selekman, J. & Knox, E. (Eds.). (2025). *School Nursing Certification Review. (4th edition)*. National Board for Certification of School Nurses. <https://nbcnsn.org/exam-prep/school-nurse-certification-review-book>
6. Hall, E., Wodi, A.P., Hamborsky, J., Morelli, V., & Schillie, S. (Eds.). (2021). *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases. (14th edition)*. Public Health Foundation. <https://phf.org/tools-resources/epidemiology-and-prevention-of-vaccine-preventable-diseases-14th-edition-the-pink-book>
7. Kimberlin, D., Banerjee, R., Barnett, E., Lynfield, R., & Sawyer, M. (Eds.). (2024). *Red Book®: 2024 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases. (33rd edition)*. American Academy of Pediatrics. <https://www.aap.org/Red-Book-2024-Report-of-the-Committee-on-Infectious-Diseases-33rd-Edition-Paperback>
8. Bickley, L. (2024). *Bates' Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking. (13th edition)*. Wolters Kluwer.
9. Hockenberry, M. Rodgers, C., & Wilson, D. (2017) *Wong's essentials of pediatric nursing. (10th edition)*. Mosby.

Supplemental Resources:

1. Any current pediatric assessment book (suggestions below):
 - a. Chiocca, E. (2024). *Advanced Pediatric Assessment*. (4th edition). Springer Publishing Company.
 - b. Colyar, M. (2011). *Assessment of the School-Age Child and Adolescent*. F.A. Davis Company.
 - c. Duderstadt, K. & Keeton, V. (2024). *Pediatric Physical Examination*. (4th Edition). Elsevier.
2. Aronson, S. & Shope, T. (Eds.). (2019). *Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools: A Quick Reference Guide*. (5th edition). American Academy of Pediatrics.
3. Batshaw, M., Roizen, N. & Pellegrino, L. (Eds.). (2019). *Children with Disabilities*. (8th Edition). Brookes.
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
 - a. *Healthy Schools and Healthy Youth*. <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/index.htm>
 - b. *Emergency Preparedness and Response*. <https://emergency.cdc.gov/>
 - c. *Diseases and Conditions*. <https://www.cdc.gov/health-topics.html>
 - d. *National Center for Environmental Health*. <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/>
 - e. *Injury, Violence & Safety*. <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/>
5. National Association of School Nurses (NASN).
 - a. *Journal of School Nursing* articles
 - b. Current materials in the bookstore and CE
 - c. Courses available at www.nasn.org
6. Rudd, K. & Kocisko, D (2023). *Pediatric nursing: The critical components of nursing care*, (3rd edition) FA Davis.
7. Levasseur, S. & Merritt, E. (Eds.). (2026). *School Nurse Resource Manual*. (11th edition). SchoolNurse.com. <https://schoolnurse.com/online-store>
8. Will, S. I. S., Arnold, M. J. & Zaiger, D. S. (2017). *Individualized Healthcare Plans for the School Nurse*. (2nd edition). Sunrise River Press.
9. United States Department of Education (n.d.). *Protecting Student Privacy (FERPA)*. <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/ferpa>
10. United States Department of Education (n.d.). *Disability Discrimination*. <https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/civil-rights-laws/disability-discrimination>
11. United States Department of Education, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. (n.d.). *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*. <http://idea.ed.gov/>
12. United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. (n.d.). *Laws and Regulations*. <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs>