

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, the majority of the NCSN Exam questions are based on information from these books.** 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. Selekman, J., Shannon, R. & Yonkaitis, C. (Eds.), *School Nursing: A Comprehensive Text* (3rd edition). F.A. Davis Company. <https://my.nasn.org/online-store/publications>
2. Resha, C. & Taliaferro, V., (Eds). (2017). *Legal Resources for School Health Services. (10th edition). School Health Alert.* <https://www.schoolnurse.com/public/Reference-Books.cfm>
3. American Nurses Association (ANA) & National Nurses Association (NASN). (2017). *Scope and Standards of School Nursing Practice.* (3rd 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. & Cogan, R. (Eds.). (2020). *School Nursing Certification Review.* (2nd edition). National Board for Certification of School Nurses. <https://www.nbcsn.org/ncsn/the-exam/exam-prep/>
6. Hamborsky, J., Kroger, A., & Wolfe, S. (Eds). (2015). *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases.* (13th edition). Public Health Foundation. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html>
7. Kimberlin, D. W. (Ed.). (2018). *Red Book®: 2018 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases.* (31st edition). American Academy of Pediatrics. <https://shop.aap.org/red-book-2018-paperback/>
8. Any pediatric assessment book (suggestions below):
 - Bickley, L. (2020). *Bates' Guide to Physical Examination and History Taking.* (13th edition). Wolters Kluwer.
 - Chiocca, E. (2019). *Advanced Pediatric Assessment.* (3rd edition). Springer Publishing Company.
 - Colyar, M. (2011). *Assessment of the School-Age Child and Adolescent.* F.A. Davis Company.
 - Duderstadt, K. (2019). *Pediatric Physical Examination.* (3rd Edition). Mosby.

Supplemental Resources:

Aronson, S. & Shope, T. (Eds.). (2019). *Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools: A Quick Reference Guide*. (5th edition). American Academy of Pediatrics.

Batshaw, M., Roizen, N. & Pellegrino, L. (Eds.). (2019). *Children with Disabilities*. (8th Edition). Brookes.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- *Healthy Schools and Healthy Youth*. <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/index.htm>
- *Emergency Preparedness and Response*. <https://emergency.cdc.gov/>
- *Diseases and Conditions*. <https://www.cdc.gov/DiseasesConditions/>
- *National Center for Environmental Health*. <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/>
- *Healthy Living*. <https://www.cdc.gov/HealthyLiving/>
- *Injury, Violence & Safety*. <https://www.cdc.gov/injury/>

Costante, C. (2013). *School Nurse Administrators Leadership and Management*. National Association of School Nurses.

National Association of School Nurses (NASN).

- *Journal of School Nursing* articles
- Current materials in the bookstore and CE
- Courses available at www.nasn.org

Taliaferro, V. & Resha, C. (Eds.). (2020). *School Nurse Resource Manual*. (10th edition). School Health Alert.

United States Department of Education (n.d.). *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)*. <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

United States Department of Education (n.d.). *Disability Discrimination*. <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/rights/guid/ocr/disability.html>

United States Department of Education, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. (n.d.). *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*. <http://idea.ed.gov/>

United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. (n.d.). *Laws and Regulations*. <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs>

Will, S. I. S., Arnold, M. J. & Zaiger, D. S. (2017). *Individualized Healthcare Plans for the School Nurse*. (2nd edition). Sunrise River Press.