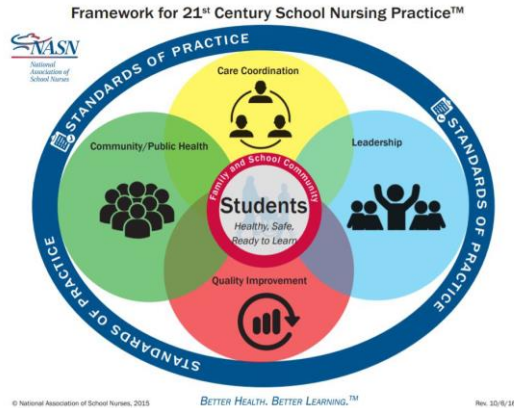


Ten Benefits of Being a Nurse in a School Setting



NASN's *Framework for 21st Century School Nursing Practice* (the *Framework*) provides structure and focus for the key principles and components of current day, evidence-based school nursing practice. It is aligned with the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model that calls for a collaborative approach to learning and health (ASCD & CDC, 2014). Central to the *Framework* is student-centered nursing care that occurs within the context of the students' family and school community. Surrounding the students, family, and school community are the non-hierarchical, overlapping key principles of *Care Coordination*, *Leadership*, *Quality Improvement*, and *Community/Public Health*. These principles are surrounded by the fifth principle, *Standards of Practice*, which is foundational for evidence-based, clinically competent, quality care. School nurses daily use the skills outlined in the practice components of each principle to help students be healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Impact: Affect the lives of youth AND their environments

Relationship-Building: Benefit from countless opportunities to develop positive long term relationships with students, families and staff

Sustainability: Follow nursing interventions and outcomes over time

Ownership: Manage your “own” caseload and office

Community and Collaboration: Work as a health specialist within an interdisciplinary educational community

Education: Never stop learning!

Relevance: Impart current life skills and timely public health interventions

School Employee Benefits: Obtain school employee benefits while working a predictable schedule

Support: Receive guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization

Leadership: Grow as a community leader

Advocacy: Make a life-long difference in the lives of youth at risk

Support: Receive guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization
Leadership: Grow as a community leader

Advocacy: Make a life-long difference in the lives of youth at risk