

# SCHOOL NURSES TRAINING



*Epilepsy affects over 3 million Americans.*

## What is epilepsy??

Epilepsy is a neurological condition. A seizure is a symptom of epilepsy. A diagnosis of epilepsy is generally given after a person experiences two or more unprovoked seizures.

Known causes of epilepsy include head injuries, stroke, brain tumors, poisoning, problems in brain development before birth, and serious infections such as encephalitis or meningitis. However, more than half the time, the cause of epilepsy is unknown.

***The Epilepsy Foundation has a network of affiliates nationwide that provide services in their local communities. To locate an affiliate in your area, call us toll-free or visit our website's home page and type in your zip code under 'community connections.'***

**For more info contact:**

## Program Objectives

Approximately 45,000 young people under the age of 15 are diagnosed with epilepsy each year. To assist these young people in the school setting, there are close to 45,500 school nurses in the United States. Currently, only 18% have received training for seizure management.

The *Managing Students with Seizures: A School Nurses Training Program* is a continuing education program designed to provide the school nurse with information, strategies and resources that will enable him or her to better manage the student with seizures by: supporting positive treatment outcomes, maximizing educational and developmental opportunities, and ensuring a safe and supportive environment. The *Managing Students with Seizures* program offers 3.2 continuing education units to school nurses through a partnership with the National Association of School Nurses.

*Seizure Training for School Personnel* builds on this program by providing school nurses with the necessary tools to train staff and volunteers within their schools on appropriate seizure first aid and dispel myths about epilepsy.

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## Available Resources



- For more information or to take the *Managing Students with Seizures* training online, visit the NASN online training center at: [http://live.blueskybroadcast.com/bsb/client/CL\\_DEFAULT.asp?Client=74](http://live.blueskybroadcast.com/bsb/client/CL_DEFAULT.asp?Client=74).
- *Managing Students with Seizures: Affiliate Presentation Guide* contains facilitators guide, PowerPoint presentation, case studies, seizure action plan examples, and DVD for affiliates to conduct school nurse trainings in their communities.
- *Managing Students with Seizures: A Quick Reference Guide* for school nurses to use following a training for future questions and situations that may arise in treating a student with epilepsy.
- *Seizure Training for School Personnel*, a toolkit for school nurses that contains a PowerPoint presentation, DVD, fact sheets and quizzes to train school staff and volunteers about appropriate care for students with epilepsy.