




The Role of the Professional
School Nurse



School Nursing

"a specialized practice of professional nursing that advances the well being, academic success, and life-long achievement and health of students"





What's different?

- Medical professional practicing in an educational setting
- Independent Practitioner
- Emerging Specialty



Tidbits from an Experienced School Nurse

- Foster a strong relationship with Administration-they can make or break you
- Participate in School Activities
 1. Faculty Meetings
 2. PTA
 3. School Sponsored events



Tidbits

- Add the extras
 1. Learn the educational lingo
 2. Ask for and keep an updated bulletin board
 3. Sponsor a student club
 4. Offer faculty wellness programs
 - Weight loss clinic
 - Exercise Program
 - Blood Pressure Monitoring



Tidbits

- Become involved in the community
 - Coalition membership
 - School Health Advisory Board
 - Let your students/families see you outside of the school setting
 - County event planning

Tidbits

- Professional Development
 1. Become active in a professional organization-NASN, VASN, ASHA, VEA, NEA, etc.
 2. Keep learning!!!!
 - Attend professional conferences
 - Take a class
 - Pursue an advanced degree



MOST IMPORTANTLY:
BE PROUD OF YOUR SPECIALTY

YOU ARE NOT *JUST* A SCHOOL
NURSE

YOU ARE THE HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL IN YOUR
BUILDING!!

