

# SCHOOL NURSES:

## Best Practices for Addressing Mental Health Issues in Your Schools



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

**Vickie Beckwith, RN, MSN, PHN**

Outstanding School Nurse and National Presenter

**Specifically Designed for School Nurses, District Nurses and School  
Health Services Coordinators Serving Students in Grades K-12**

Be better prepared for the mental health issues in your schools ... **What every school nurse should know about mental illnesses** and signs of mental health concerns ... Explore lessons learned from COVID-19

**Recognize the vital role school nurses have** in supporting the mental health and well-being of students

**Identify and destigmatize** common mental health issues and learn the next steps

Discover **evidence-based models, programs and strategies** for support of those involved with mental health issues

### LIVE ONLINE SEMINARS

#### March 2

**9 AM Central**, 8 AM Mountain,  
7 AM Pacific, 10 AM Eastern

#### March 18

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and take the seminar online at  
your convenience (see page 6)

*"Great content, videos  
and examples."*

— NOREEN FLEMMING, RN, SCHOOL NURSE

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*"Great resources  
and ideas  
to increase  
effectiveness and  
communication."*

– JAMIE STANKARD,  
SCHOOL NURSE



## Who Should Attend

School Nurses, District  
Nurses and School Health  
Services Coordinators  
Serving Students in  
Grades K-12

- 1. What Every School Nurse Should Know About Mental Health Issues in Schools**  
Build your understanding and skills to better help and assist students faced with the challenges of mental health issues ... What school nurses can do to support students with mental and behavioral health concerns
- 2. Mental Health First Aid: Be Better Prepared**  
Learn the basics of mental health first aid and the important role of the school nurse in supporting the well-being of students and staff ... Tips and strategies to reduce the stigma and barriers to appropriate care
- 3. Key Issues Impacting Student Mental Health**  
Gain an understanding of mental health disorders and receive resources and guidelines to build a safer environment for your students
- 4. Explore the Impact of Bullying on Students' Mental Health**  
Gain tips and strategies to recognize the impact of bullying in your school ... Review methods to reduce bullying and improve school connectedness
- 5. Evidence-Based Models and Programs**  
Discover evidence-based programs schools and districts are implementing to address today's mental health concerns ... Ideas you can use to develop mental well-being in your own schools
- 6. Strategies for Depression, Anxiety and Disruptive Behaviors**  
Identify and support students who may experience depression and anxiety that impacts their ability to fully participate in school
- 7. Practical Strategies to Reduce Unnecessary Office Visits**  
Don't let excessive, repeat student visits frustrate you ... Discover the best ways to reduce visits, build resiliency and support students staying in their classrooms
- 8. Examine the Signs of Suicide in Students and Interventions You Can Use**  
What are the suicidal warning signs and risk factors ... Learn effective techniques to provide therapeutic interventions
- 9. Motivational Interviewing: An Evidence-Based Approach You Can Use**  
How to listen and engage with others, gain insight into student issues, facilitate change and support a student's journey toward improved mental health ... Hands-on experience and practice
- 10. Receive a Comprehensive Digital Resource Handbook**  
Dozens of resources designed specifically for school nurses ... You'll leave with a comprehensive digital resource handbook

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- What school nurses can do to **support students with mental and behavioral health concerns** ... Strategies and resources you can use right away
- **Learn evidence-based techniques and strategies** to address the ever increasing mental health issues in your schools
- **Be better prepared for mental health issues** that impact students' ability to participate in school ... Practical strategies, resources and information you can use to be more proactive
- **Recognize the vital role nurses play** in prevention and promotion of the emotional and mental well-being of students
- Mental health first aid ... **Why and how problems develop** and what you can do to help
- **Examine your role in response** to the escalation of violence and concerning behavior in school due to mental health issues
- How to use motivational interviewing to **decrease stigma and barriers to mental health care** and increase student motivation to make a change
- **Strategies to understand and support** depression, anxiety and disruptive behaviors
- **Tips for supporting students in crisis**
- **Respond with greater confidence** to a mental health crisis or emergency
- Up-to-date, best practices for **prevention/intervention of bullying**
- **Learn strategies for increasing suicide prevention** and getting students the help they need
- **Gain insight** into working with frequent visitors to the school nurse
- **Build confidence in discussing sensitive issues and risky behaviors**
- Develop skills to **have more constructive conversations** and less conflict



*"Thank you, Vickie, for sharing your knowledgeable nursing experiences with us!"*

– ALESSA ALARCON, SCHOOL NURSE

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

Today, more than ever, mental health issues are surfacing with serious implications for individual students as well as the entire student body. School nurses are in a unique position to play an active role in mental wellness promotion, mental health screening and early intervention programs in the school setting.

This seminar has been developed specifically to equip you, the school nurse, with the information, resources and strategies you can use in your schools to better address mental health issues. Highly experienced school nurse and national trainer **VICKIE BECKWITH** will spend the day helping you prepare and plan for mental health first aid, work with students in need, and recognize symptoms and signs of depression, anxiety and other behavioral and mental health issues. She will share numerous resources, strategies, tips and practical ideas she has gathered throughout her extensive school nursing experience that will increase your knowledge and confidence in supporting students and schools facing potential mental health issues.

You will discover practical ways to communicate more effectively with students, teachers and parents. In addition, you will gain insight and strategies that will enable you to more comfortably support students with behavioral health issues.

**You'll leave this seminar with an extensive digital resource handbook as well as dozens of ideas you will be able to use immediately to enhance your practice as a school nurse in addressing the mental health issues in your schools.**



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Vickie Beckwith



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**VICKIE BECKWITH** not only brings over 25 years of practical school nurse experience to her seminars, but also a passion and enthusiasm for the valuable and critical role school nurses play in schools, especially as it relates to mental health issues.

She has implemented numerous, innovative programs to improve student outcomes and has served as a mentor for new school nurses for over a decade, including being a preceptor for BSN students completing their public health rotation in the school setting. She has been a frequent presenter at NASN national meetings, as well as local/state in-service programs. Vickie is the author of *SCHOOL NURSES: Best Practices for Addressing Mental Health Issues in Your Schools*, the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive, and has also authored many articles, most recently a feature article in *NASN School Nurse* on motivational interviewing.

Using her own practice with the work of school nursing's best resources, Vickie provides tips, tools and strategies for dealing with mental health issues. **You will leave with strategies and ideas you can immediately use to positively impact the social-emotional well-being of the students you serve and reduce the barriers to mental health care.**

Dear Colleague:

Behavioral and mental health issues in school-age children are becoming increasingly common, especially during the COVID 19 pandemic. As a school nurse, you can play a key role in positively impacting the social-emotional well-being of students and reduce barriers to mental health care.

School nurses can make a huge difference! Join me in this hands-on seminar and learn why and how to respond to the mental health issues in your schools. I will share numerous strategies, techniques and resources that not only achieve better outcomes but will also reduce your stress in handling difficult situations.

I have developed this highly engaging, interactive seminar to help you be better prepared for mental health issues and concerns that occur in our schools today. I will give you tips, tools and strategies to:

- Better understand and assist students suffering from mental health concerns
- Identify the key issues impacting student mental health
- Demystify and lessen the stigma associated with mental health problems
- Deal with frequent visitors to the school nurse
- Prevent and intervene with bullying
- Address suicide
- Use Motivational Interviewing to engage with students and facilitate change

Join me and other school nurses for an engaging, fast-paced day and take home practical information you can use immediately in your school nursing practice to better address mental health issues in the schools you serve.

Sincerely,

Vickie Z. Beckwith, RN, MSN, PHN

**P.S.** You will receive an **extensive digital resource handbook** covering all of these topics, and more!

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# What Your Colleagues Say About Vickie Beckwith

*"Nurse Beckwith is well versed and informative. It is always reassuring to hear that all school nurses face many of the same challenges."*  
– Gwen Steiner, School Nurse

*"Great seminar and presenter – I didn't think you could cover so much material in a one-day seminar. Vickie is very knowledgeable. **Her expertise in her various specialties was obvious and appreciated.** Thank you for sharing your experience and wisdom with us!"*

– Delma Perez, School Nurse

*"Vickie really made her material clear and thorough. **I would definitely take another seminar with her.** Thank you, Vickie, for sharing your experiences!"*

– Aleyda Berrelleza, School Nurse

*"Perfect timing for me to attend this seminar as I'm a new high school nurse. **The tips, content and resources provided give me ease** as to my interactions with students moving forward."*

– Evette Valentin, School Nurse

*"This is just what I was looking for. A **realistic presentation and discussion around mental health** issues impacting access to education."*

– Pamela Branciforte, RN



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– LAURA RUIZ,  
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- Realistic and proven approaches to manage mental health issues in the school setting
- Best practices and evidence-based strategies to support social-emotional well-being
- Proven strategies to facilitate positive student interactions with peers
- Prevention/treatment options for behavioral health support
- Valuable resources: websites, references, organizations
- Motivational Interviewing guidelines and resources

## Share Ideas with Other Educators

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other school nurses.

## Consultation Available

Vickie Beckwith will be available for consultation regarding your questions and the unique needs of your own program.

## Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

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#### Related On-Demand Online Courses

Related On-Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *SCHOOL NURSES: Best Practices for Addressing Mental Health Issues in Your School*, for Grades K-12, *School Nurses: Best, Current Practices for School Medical Emergencies*, for Grades K-12, and other school nursing related courses, are available for immediate registration. To enroll, visit [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

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### Registration (XN86S1)

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— or —
- ☐ 3. **I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

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