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This letter is to provide an update regarding the School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course. SNEC is a 3-day emergency care course that is sponsored through our Illinois EMSC program. It is designed to enhance the assessment, triaging and treatment skills of the school nurse when confronted with the acutely ill or injured student.

Since 1995, our EMSC program has offered several SNEC courses each summer. Last year we began updating the SNEC course materials with the intent to have a new course manual and curricular materials to roll out for the 2008 summer courses. Unfortunately, as we have proceeded with the revisions, it has become increasingly apparent that the revisions are more extensive than originally anticipated and will not be ready by this summer. Therefore, we have decided that no courses will be conducted until the revisions to the course materials have been finalized. This means that SNEC courses will not be held this summer.

This decision was not made lightly, however we feel that this approach will be in the best interest of the course. We look forward to having an updated and improved course to then provide to school nurses in 2009.

As an educational alternative, I would like to make you aware of an online emergency program that was developed for school nurses by the New Mexico EMSC program and the University of New Mexico (see attached webpage information). This educational program provides emergency care education specific to nurses working within the school setting. It can be accessed via the link below:

[http://hsc.unm.edu/emersed/PED/school\\_rn/course.shtml](http://hsc.unm.edu/emersed/PED/school_rn/course.shtml)

This program consists of 15 modules that address various aspects of emergency planning within the school setting, a review of key body system issues (ie. airway, musculoskeletal) and corresponding simulated school emergency scenarios. The educational modules can be accessed for free. There is a \$4/module charge only for those who request continuing education credit. We hope that this program is helpful for those of you who were thinking of participating in an emergency care educational course this summer.

As our revised SNEC course becomes ready for release, we will send out further information. In addition, we welcome you to visit our website at [www.luhs.org/emsc](http://www.luhs.org/emsc) for pediatric resources and information that you may find helpful. Please feel free to contact me at 708-327-2556 or [Evelyn.Lyons@illinois.gov](mailto:Evelyn.Lyons@illinois.gov) if you should have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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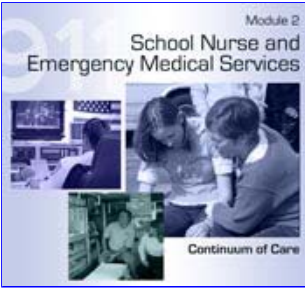
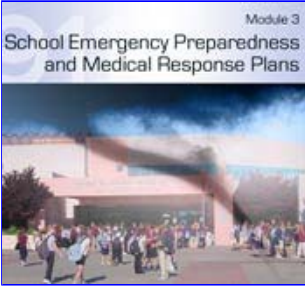
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School Nurse Emergency Preparedness Project

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Last Update:  
April 2, 2008

<span style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">VSNEMS Course Directory</span>	
<p><b>CEU registration and payment information at the end of each module</b>                  Modules 1-10, 12-15 Now Available..Module 11 is available for instruction and research participants but is not yet CE approved</p>	
	<p><b>Module 1</b>  <b><u>Emergency Preparedness Program Planning</u></b>                  Instructor: <i>Rhonda Sparks, RN</i></p> <p><b>Module Description:</b> Rhonda Sparks discusses your role as school nurse in planning for emergencies. She delves into identifying the scope of your nursing practice and assessing your school and community. Decision making and documentation complete your emergency plan.</p> <p><b>A final quiz was added to this module to meet new requirements for CE re-approval on 3/18/08.</b></p>
	<p><b>Module 2</b>  <b><u>School Nurse and Emergency Medical Services Continuum of Care</u></b>                  Guide: <i>Rob Elgie, RN</i></p> <p><b>Module Description:</b> Rob Elgie guides you through a tour of an ambulance and EMS dispatch operations. The module concludes with a diabetic school emergency scenario to demonstrate the effectiveness of school nurse and EMS continuum of care.</p>
	<p><b>Module 3</b>  <b><u>School Emergency Preparedness and Medical Response Plans</u></b>                  Instructor: <i>Bonnie Lissoway, RN</i></p> <p><b>Module Description:</b> This module discusses the role of the school nurse in emergencies, crisis and disasters. A well conceived and administered school emergency response plan will enhance the preparedness of the entire educational team.</p>
	<p><b>Module 4</b>  <b><u>Assessment and Triage</u></b>                  Instructor: <i>Robert Sapien, MD</i></p> <p><b>Module Description:</b> A dynamic module that combines lecture with simulated scenarios that demonstrate critical assessment and triage principles.</p>