



Questions Related to H.A.N.D.S.SM (Helping Administer to the Needs of the Student with Diabetes in School)

Is H.A.N.D.S.SM an on-line CE program?

H.A.N.D.S.SM is a live continuing education full day program (8 hr). It is presented by a School Nurse with a specific interest in diabetes and a Certified Diabetes Educator. The presenters have been trained by NASN to present this program.

How can I get information about the program?

Go to the NASN web site, look for continuing education programs and click on the H.A.N.D.S.SM logo. There is a flyer with objectives listed on it.

How many CE are offered for the program?

6.5 CNE (continuing nursing education) contact hours. This is based on the new ANCC guidelines – 60 minute contact hours.

Is it being offered in my area?

H.A.N.D.S.SM may be sponsored by a state school nurse association or by a local district. Check with your state school nurse association (look at their web site too) and see if they are planning to host the program for their spring or fall conferences. Also, check the online calendar of events on the NASN web page for upcoming H.A.N.D.S.SM programs.

What makes H.A.N.D.S.SM unique?

H.A.N.D.S.SM is designed specifically for school nurses. It presents information related to all aspects of diabetes management in the school for children with diabetes and the role of the school nurse in coordinating the care. H.A.N.D.S.SM is presented by a School Nurse and a Certified Diabetes Educator team that bring clinical expertise and practical knowledge to enhance the value of the program to the participant. Participants also receive tools, forms, resources in the Participant Manual that they can use in their schools. The forms sections of the manual are also available to participants only via download from the NASN web page.

How can I bring the program to my area and tell me more about it?

Talk to your state school nurse association or your district school nurse supervisor about sponsoring H.A.N.D.S.SM. It is generally presented to at least 50 school nurses in a large conference room (classroom style) or lecture hall style. The presentation is done in a power point format. Participants receive a manual with printed copies of the power point slides and tools to use (references, forms, procedures, skills checklists, resources.)

I am from a rural area. How can I get enough nurses to attend (at least 50)?

Think about offering it to neighboring counties, districts or states to have a larger number of nurses attend.

Can I buy a participant manual and not attend the workshop?

No, they are not sold separately.