

# PASNAP 2026: Advocate. Innovate. Elevate.

## Event Agenda

Friday, March 20, 2026 at 6:00pm ET - Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 12:00pm ET

**i** All times listed in Eastern Time (US & Canada).

### Friday, March 20, 2026

3:00pm - 9:00pm

**Registration Desk Opens**

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4:30pm - 6:00pm

**Pre-Conference Early Session**

1.5 CE Credits

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6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Pre Conference Late Session**

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8:00pm - 9:00pm

**Region Meetings**

Region Representatives will lead the meetings <https://pasnap.nursingnetwork.com/page/36391-region-representatives>

Join Us for Your Regional Meeting at the Annual Conference!

Connect with fellow school nurses from your area, share insights from the field, and help shape the future of school nursing in Pennsylvania. These regional meetings offer a welcoming space to network, collaborate, and raise the important issues affecting your daily practice. Your voice matters—bring your ideas, concerns, and experiences to the table and ensure they are heard by the PASNAP Board. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Saturday, March 21, 2026

6:30am - 7:00am

**Morning Walk/Run (meet at registration desk)**

Start Your Day with a Refreshing Walk/Run!

Kick off the morning with fellow school nurses as we enjoy a light walk or run to energize the day. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a relaxed stroll, all paces are welcome. It's a great way to connect, clear your mind, and boost your energy before the sessions begin. Lace up and join us!

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6:30am - 8:00am

**Registration**

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7:00am - 8:00am

**Breakfast/Legislative Auction Display Open**

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8:00am - 8:15am

### **Conference Greetings**

President- Holly Verderame MSN, RN, CSN and President Elect/ Conference Chairperson-Rachel A. Griel DNP, RN, CSN

Begin the conference with a warm welcome from PASNAP leadership as we gather to celebrate, empower, and advance the vital work of school nurses across the state. We'll share key updates, important announcements, and everything you need to know to make the most of your time here. We're glad you're with us—let's get started!

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8:30am - 9:30am

### **General Session--Surefire Documentation Strategies for School Nurses and Practitioners**

Elizabeth Rudolph, JD, MSN, RN, PLNC, PMHNP-BC

1.0 CE Credit

This dynamic presentation focuses on the essential documentation issues facing school nurses and practitioners and provides key strategies to reduce liability exposure in documentation. Knowing that the first item a potential litigant will request is the document, it is critical for school nurses to ensure proper and appropriate documentation is utilized.

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9:30am - 1:30pm

### **Vendor Area Open**

Visit Our Vendors—Proud Supporters of School Nursing!

Take some time during the conference to stop by our vendor exhibits and meet the partners who help make school nursing stronger. Our vendors are dedicated supporters of the work you do every day, offering resources, tools, and services designed to enhance student health and your practice. Explore what's new, ask questions, and enjoy connecting with the organizations that champion school nurses across the state!

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9:30am - 10:00am

### **Coffee Break/Vendors**

10:00am - 11:30pm

### **Keynote Speaker-The Messenger is the Message: Why Good Communication is Essential to Good Health Care**

Chad Hermann, MA, PhD ABD VP of Communications & Strategy, Trusted Messenger Program,

1.5 CE Credits

This session explores why, in an age of increasing skepticism and declining institutional trust, local health care providers (like school nurses) with longitudinal patient relationships are still the most trusted messengers, why good communication is essential to good health outcomes, and what you can do and say to maximize that trust. The session examines how people make health care decisions, considers three common missteps HCPs make when offering recommendations, and explains how clear, concise, presumptive recommendations built trust, reduce resistance, and improve patient outcomes. The session concludes with an overview of AIMS, a four-step, evidence-based communication approach that helps you meet patient resistance and navigate difficult conversations — including talks about vaccines — in a way that builds trust and improves patient receptivity

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12:00pm - 1:30pm

### **Lunch/Vendors**

Special Interest Groups (SIG) Luncheons will take place during the scheduled lunch break.

Sign up at the registration desk:

Special Needs SIG

Private, Charter, and Parochial School Nurses SIG

Nurse Educators SIG

DEI SIG

Retired School Nurses SIG

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1:30pm - 3:00pm

### **Breakout Sessions I**

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3:00pm - 3:30pm

**Break/Refreshments**

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3:30pm - 5:00pm

**Breakout Sessions II**

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5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Legislative Auction Display**

Don't miss your chance to make a difference! Be sure to participate in the Legislative Auction—every ticket purchased helps support school nurse advocacy efforts in Harrisburg. Plus, the baskets are absolutely fabulous! Your involvement strengthens our voice and advances the issues that matter most to school nurses across the state.

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6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Awards Dinner**

Join us for a special evening of celebration! We invite all school nurses to attend our Awards Dinner, where we honor excellence in school nursing and recognize the outstanding contributions of your colleagues. Come be inspired, connect with peers, and celebrate the remarkable work happening in our profession.

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7:30pm - 8:00pm

**Legislative Auction Drawing**

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## Sunday, March 22, 2026

7:00am - 7:30am

**Inspirational Session: Blessing of the Hands**

The Blessing of the Hands ceremony honors the care, skill, and compassion of nurses. This special moment celebrates the hands that heal, comfort, and support, recognizing the dedication and heart that define the nursing profession.

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7:30am - 8:30am

**Breakfast**

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8:30am - 9:20am

**Annual Business Meeting**

You're invited to attend our Annual Business Meeting! Join us as we vote on the exciting new name for PASNAP, selected from submissions made by our members. Your voice matters—be part of this important decision and help shape the future of our organization.

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9:30am - 11:00am

**Legislation Update 2026**

Morgan Plant Government Relations Consultant to PASNAP

1.5 CE Credits

In this session, participants will learn about legislation that may impact student health, the school nurse role, and mandates that increase cost and burden on CSNs. The importance of maintaining the integrity of the school nurse certification requirement is emphasized. The role lobbyists play in monitoring and advocating on school health issues is highlighted. Participants will learn about PASNAP activities like Day on the Hill and be encouraged to participate.

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11:15am - 1:15pm

**Division of School Health Update**

Colleen Schultz, MEd, RN, CSN Division Director of School Health Pennsylvania Department of Health

2.0 CE Credits

This session will provide Pennsylvania Certified School Nurses with the latest information available on a variety of topics, including an overview of a variety of Department of Health initiatives, resources available to support healthy students and families, and information to assist the Certified School Nurses in their daily practice.