

## **Substance Abuse Trends in School Age Students: What Nurses Need to Know for Assessment and Intervention**

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**Length:** 3 hours

**Program Description:** The most common illegal and prescription drugs abused by school age children are discussed as well as common side effects, and red flags to identify when students are abusing these drugs. The participant will be provided with strategies and interviewing skills in order to effectively work with students. Helpful Internet resources for the school nurse are also identified during the lecture.

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Review common drugs and illegal substances used by students and their physical and emotional effects
- Recognize red flags in the nursing assessment of students that may be abusing prescription, nonprescription and illegal substances
- Identify interviewing strategies/key questions to ask of students who may be abusing substances

**Audience:**

School nurses, pediatric primary care providers, nurses