



DepED MEMORANDUM
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ORIENTATION TRAINING OF SCHOOL NURSES ON PREVENTIVE
HEALTH CARE IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. In line with the Department's strategic plan to attain the goals set for Education For All (EFA) 2015, more particularly the provision of early childhood preventive health and nutrition services to reduce drop-out rate and increase participation and cohort survival rates, the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) continues to conduct the "Orientation Training of School Nurses on Preventive Health Care in the School Setting" which started in 2004 and is expected to cover all public elementary and secondary school nurses by July, 2006. The schedule is as follows:


Batch	Dates	Venue	Region/s Involved	# Pax	Check-in/Check out
7 th	May 9-11, 2006	RELC, Region VIII	Region VII and VIII	355	May 8, 2006 p.m./ May 12, 2006 a.m.
8 th	June 20-22, 2006	Chali Beach Resort, Cagayan de Oro City	Region X	209	June 19, 2006 p.m./ June 23, 2006 a.m.
9 th	July 4-6, 2006	Lorenzo Ruiz Hall, Butuan City	CARAGA	177	July 3, 2006 p.m./ July 7, 2006 a.m.
10 th	July 18-20, 2006	Benitez Hall, Teachers Camp, Baguio City	Secondary School Nurses of Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B, NCR and CAR	409	July 17, 2006 p.m./ July 21, 2006 a.m.

2. The objectives of the training are to:
- increase the participants' working knowledge and understanding on ECCD, MDG and on EFA goals and their roles and responsibilities towards goal attainment by EO 2015;
 - update the school nurses on the National Universal Medical/Dental Check-up Project (NUMDCP) and strategies for intervention;
 - equip them with the skills to screen, treat/refer visual and hearing impairments, various forms of malnutrition (macro and micronutrient) among school children and health problems of adolescents;
 - formulate plan of action to generate resources for UMDC; and
 - empower them as health service providers and advocates in the school setting.

3. The school nurses are the frontliners in the delivery of basic health and nutrition service, and the present ratio of one nurse to 3,000-5,000 students somehow ensures that each school child, including teachers and non-teaching personnel, will be attended to by the nurses. This one-time investment to train the school nurses and put them in a unified mind-set will be cost effective in a way that early childhood care and management of learning disabilities (specifically visual and hearing impairments) will be provided and drop-out interventions shall be instituted with more effectiveness and efficiency.

4. Expenses for travel, board and lodging of participants, speakers, resource persons, staff and secretariat, professional fees/honoraria/payment of overtime/extra essential services of speakers, trainers, staff and secretariat, supplies and materials and other operational costs incurred during the training shall be drawn from the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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