

SBHC Core Competencies

The national [School-Based Health Alliance](#), in partnership with state affiliates and experts from the school-based health care field, developed a set of [seven core competencies](#) that represent the knowledge, expertise, policies, practices, and attributes that every school-based health center (SBHC) is expected to demonstrate in its pursuit of student wellness. SBHC staff and administrators can use these as a framework to achieve excellence in delivering care in a school setting. You can read more about SBHC core competencies through the links provided.

- 1. Access.** The SBHC assures students' access to health care and support services to help them thrive.
- 2. Student Focus.** The SBHC team and services are organized explicitly around relevant health issues that affect student well-being and academic success.
- 3. School Integration.** The SBHC, although governed and administered separately from the school, integrates into the education environment to support the school's mission of student success.
- 4. Accountability.** The SBHC routinely evaluates its performance against accepted standards of quality to achieve optimal outcomes for students.
- 5. School Wellness.** The SBHC promotes a culture of health across the entire school community.
- 6. Systems Coordination.** The SBHC coordinates across relevant systems of care that share in the well-being of its patients.
- 7. Sustainability.** The SBHC employs sound management practices to ensure sustainable operations.