

## Support Staff Education Committee Bulletin May 13, 2026

### Education Assistant training module

Further to the previously issued communication on December 5, 2023 (**attached**), the Support Staff Education Committee (SSEC) is pleased to provide access to the second Education Assistant (EA) training course called: *Understanding Common Medical Conditions*.

This 4-hour course is intended to provide professional development opportunities for EAs working to support and become more aware of learners with certain medical conditions. The course provides participants with guided learning activities, knowledge checks, opportunities for reflection, and assessment linked to the following:

- Common medical conditions and their potential classroom impact
- Health plans and IEPs and their overlap
- Wellness and self-compassion
- Asthma and allergies:
  - Definitions and symptoms
  - Strategies for management, individualized care and emergency procedures
- Epilepsy and seizures:
  - Definitions and identifying common signs
  - Phases and common causes/triggers
  - Prevention and intervention strategies, emergency scenarios
- Diabetes:
  - Recognizing common signs and symptoms
  - Treatment options and support strategies
  - Emergency signs and procedures
- Cerebral Palsy:
  - Key characteristics and different types
  - Treatment and therapy and prevention strategies
  - Overview of medical devices and emergency responses

Please note that this training course is not intended to replace any EA training provided by the local health authorities via their Nursing Support Services.

The course is accessible via BCPSEA's website, along with the first EA training course: *Understanding Behaviour & Inclusive Education*. To log into the course:

- a. Staff will first need to create an account (**using their school district email address**) at:  
<https://bcpsea.bc.ca/my-account-login/>
- b. Once staff have created their account, they will be able to access the course at:  
<https://bcpsea.bc.ca/all-courses/>

If staff experience difficulties accessing the course, please email: [officeadmin@bcpsea.bc.ca](mailto:officeadmin@bcpsea.bc.ca).

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