

## **What is a Certified School Nurse?**

School nurse professional educator licensure with an endorsement in school nursing recognizes the unique knowledge required of the nursing professional in the education setting. Professional licensure “ensures standard preparation, knowledge, and practice” of the school nurse (University of Illinois/Chicago). The school setting differs from more traditional nurse settings such as hospitals and clinics. Some functions, such as completion of health assessments for special education casework, teaching, require professionally licensed school nurses. Endorsement is granted by the Illinois State Board of Education after the completion of mandatory coursework and a passing score on the school nurse content exam.