

**1) Can a RN without a bachelor degree also take the test and receive the 3-year timeline to get their PEL? nurse**

No, an RN without a bachelor's degree does not meet the minimum requirements to enter a PEL program.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/PEL-School-Support-Ed-Lic.aspx>

**2) How can you be a paraprofessional and a PEL-CSN?**

An individual may hold an ISBE license as a paraprofessional in IL and PEL-SN by meeting the requirements for each category. <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Sub-Para-Checklist.pdf>  
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**3) If our district nurses view the recordings of the SN Bootcamp later, are they able to complete the evaluations and obtain professional development hours? Thanks.**

Yes. The recordings are posted on ISBE's School Health webpage under the red bar labeled "What's New?"

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Health-Issues.aspx>

**4) Can only registered nurses administer tube feedings?**

Tube feedings are within the scope of practice for LPNs and RNs.

<https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/023/023002260i08000r.html>

k) Personnel Not Holding Educator Licensure

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- 2) Each program assistant or aide, whether providing instructional or noninstructional services, as well as each nonemployee providing any service in the context of special education, shall function under the direct supervision of a professional staff member.
  - A) Nothing in this subsection (k) authorizes individual student aides or others who do not hold an appropriate professional license to perform any nursing activity, as nursing activity may be defined in the Nurse Practice Act [225 ILCS 65] and rules governing that Act (68 Ill. Adm. Code 1300), including any procedures and duties requiring a medical order (e.g., tube feedings, catheterizations, administration of medications, tracheal suctioning, tube insertions, blood draws, dressing changes), except as may be otherwise authorized under State law.

**5) What is the code we use to complete the evaluation**

I am not sure what is meant by this question.

- 6) Does ISBE provide a list of recommended minutes for each nursing intervention to include in the IEP? Tube feeding minutes? Daily administration minutes? Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.**

No, ISBE School Health Professionals do not have a resource for specific interventions. You may wish to check with your local Special Education Cooperative or District's Special Education Department about what resources may be available through their agency.

- 7) Does an RN or SLP have to do the oral feeding? If student is able to "self feed" with assistance, can the paraprofessional do that if parent trains her and signs off on it?**

Please refer to the local policies and procedures for your school/district.

- 8) what about straight cathing?**

Straight Catheterization is within the scope of practice of the LPN and RN.

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- 9) You talk about having RNs in schools, but there are many LPNs who work in schools.**

LPNs may work in the school setting as long and practice within their scope of practice. The Illinois Nurse Practice Act (IL NPA) requires and LPN to work with the guidance of an RN, APRN, Physician Assistant or Physician or others as listed in the IL NPA.

The Illinois [Nurse Practice Act \(NPA\)](#) is the law regulating an LPN's scope of practice 225 ILCS 65/55-30.

- 10) So the BSN School RN would need to be certified in PEL to fill out any IEPs?**

A nurse with a bachelor degree may participate in the IEP process on a partial basis as defined in ISBE Administrative Code 226. In order to assess for eligibility, write IEP health related goals, and evaluate those goals requires the IEP Designation or PEL SN.

**11) do you need suction orders annually from the physician?**

Please refer to the local policies and procedures for your school/district.

**12) What activities or procedures do the nurses delegate to unlicensed assisting personnel in the classroom?**

Please refer to the local policies and procedures for your school/district. As well as the Illinois Nurse Practice Act regarding delegation.

**13) What kind of services are provided by DSCC?**

Please refer to their webpage: <https://dsc.uic.edu/>

**14) what is the weekly message from ISBE = is it provided separately from the listserv?**

ISBE's Weekly Message is an electronic newsletter that is published online and provides up-to-date news and information. It can be found on ISBE.net near the bottom of the page. There are also archived issues available. This is one of the main ways ISBE disseminates information to the field on a regular basis.