

School Social Worker

School Social Workers diagnose student problems and arrange needed services, counsel children in trouble and help integrate disabled children into the general school population. Deal with problems such as student pregnancy, misbehavior in class, excessive absences and advise teachers on how to deal with problem students.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186
 Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 507.14

Licensure Requirements

- Submit application for certification and non-refundable application fee
- Master’s level specialist program in social work and meet school social work competencies
- Alternative methods of qualification for certification:

Alternative 1: Completion of an approved program of professional preparation in social work

Alternative 2: Completion of a comparable program outside of New Hampshire

Examination

Initial certification requires passing the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test (PPST) and PRAXIS II, if applicable. The State Board has approved a composite score option for PRAXIS I. Candidates must have an overall score of 518 or higher and a minimum passing score of 172 for Reading; 170 for Writing; and 170 for Mathematics. PRAXIS I and PRAXIS II exemptions are allowed for educators with either a Master’s degree or higher, or who have seven or more years of educational experience under a credential issued by another state.

Continuing Education

Staff development activities totaling 75 clock hours (or alternative to clock hours) in the school district and/or school administrative unit staff development plan during the three-year certification period

Reciprocity

Permitted with over 41 states according to the provisions of the Interstate Contract

Active Licenses

Not provided

Regulatory Agency

Bureau of Credentialing

Division of Program Support
 New Hampshire Department of Education
 101 Pleasant Street
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Fees

Three-year certificate	\$130.00
Three-year renewal	\$130.00
Late filing fee	\$50.00
<i>Exam fees are set by the exam administrator, Educational Testing Service (ETS)</i>	

O*Net Codes

21-1021.00	Child, Family, and School Social Workers
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Related Training

Social Work; Youth Services/Administration

Additional Information Sources

ETS-The Praxis Series
<www.ets.org/praxis/nh/requirements/>

School Social Work Association of America
<www.sswaa.org>