

School Psychologist

School Psychologists provide psychological services and consultation to students, parents, and educators. They help children and youth succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals to create safe, health, and supportive learning environments for all students that strengthen connections between home and school.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186
 Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 507.08

Certification Requirements

Meet educational requirements of:

- Completion of any state board of education approved doctoral certificate of advanced graduate study/specialist, or Master’s level program in school psychology; or
- Meet both of the following qualifications:
 1. Complete at least 60 semester hours of graduate study culminating in at least a Master’s degree, of which at least 54 hours are exclusive of credit for the supervised internship experience; and
 2. Experience in a supervised internship in a general school setting for 1,200 clock hours, full-time over one year or half-time over two consecutive years. If additional experiences are provided in mental health clinics, psychiatric hospitals, and other institutions for children, such experiences shall not replace the supervised internship in a general school setting for more than 600 of the 1,200 hours.

Regulatory Agency	
Bureau of Credentialing	
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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

Fees	
Three-year certificate	\$130.00
Three-year renewal.	\$130.00
Competency review and three-year certificate, Alternative 3.	\$300.00
Late filing fee	\$50.00
<i>Exam fees are set by the exam administrator, Educational Testing Service (ETS)</i>	

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Reciprocity

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

Active Licenses

Not provided

Related Training

School Psychology; Clinical Child Psychology

O*Net Codes

19-3031.01 School Psychologists

Additional Information Sources

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

National Association of School Psychologists
<www.nasponline.org>

New Hampshire Association of School Psychologists
<www.nhaspweb.org>