

# School Counselor

Administer school guidance and counseling programs, which must be developmentally appropriate and designed to address the educational and career needs of all students. Guidance and counseling programs must deliver career, occupational, and educational information; student appraisal activities; placement services; and identification and referral of students in need of special services, including suicide prevention and psychiatric referrals. High school guidance programs must also provide for the delivery of career and college counseling.

## Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186  
Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 500

## Certification Requirement

- Qualify through one of the available Alternative Pathways for licensure described on NH Department of Education webpage.
- **School Counselor**
  1. Have completed a State Board of Education approved school counseling collegiate program at the Master's degree level or higher; or
  2. Have completed courses related to school counseling at the Master's degree level or higher and have done a counseling internship in a school setting; or
  3. Experience in comparable positions in school counseling or other professions closely related to school counseling

## Regulatory Agency

### Bureau of Credentialing

Division of Educator Support and Higher Education  
New Hampshire Department of Education  
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There are multiple levels of credentials, each with varying requirements:

### • Intern Authorization

- Have met the requirements for a Statement of Eligibility
- Currently be employed in the field of education in a New Hampshire public or non-public school
- Intern authorizations are granted for the duration of the individualized professional development plan
- Educators who hold a valid intern authorization receive a beginning educator license after the Bureau approves the required report of completion under the individualized professional development plan

### • Beginning Educator License

- Beginning educator certificates are issued for an initial period of three years
- Upon completion of three years of full-time educator experience while maintaining a valid credential, a beginning educator is qualified for an experienced educator license only if the educator is determined to be "effective" or better under the local supervision and evaluation system for at least two consecutive years.

## School Counselor (continued)

- **Experienced Educator License**

- Upon completion of three years of full-time educator experience while maintaining a valid credential, a beginning educator is qualified for an experienced educator license only if the educator is determined to be “effective” or better under the local supervision and evaluation system for at least two consecutive years.
- An experienced educator credential shall be issued for three years

### Examination

Not required

### Continuing Education

Staff development activities totaling 45 Professional Education continuing education units and 30 continuing education units per endorsement during the three-year licensure period.

### Reciprocity

Permitted in accordance with the NASDTEC Interstate Contract

### Active Licenses

Not provided

### Related Training

Educational, School, and Vocational Counselors

### Fees

Three-year licensure . . . . .	\$120.00
Three-year renewal . . . . .	\$120.00

*Additional fees vary by pathway for licensure and number of endorsements applied for.*

*Exam fees are set by each testing company.*

### O\*Net Codes

21-1012.00	Educational, Guidance, School and Vocational Counselors
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### Additional Information Sources

National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)  
<[www.nasdtec.org](http://www.nasdtec.org)>

American School Counselor Association  
<[www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)>