

## Specialist in the Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF)

Specialists in the Assessment of Intellectual Functioning work within the special education system as members of Evaluation/Placement Teams. They are examiners for the identification of intellectual challenge and for the testing component of identification of specific learning disabilities. Assessment Specialists are qualified to perform cognitive and academic assessments as part of the identification of other educational disabilities. They may also perform a variety of services in schools outside the special education system, including cognitive and academic assessments, contributions to child study teams, and consultation.

### Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186  
Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 500

### Licensure Requirements

- Hold a Master's degree and one of the following:
  - Licensure from the New Hampshire Department of Education in education, school counseling, administration, speech-language specialist,
  - A valid license as a psychologist from the New Hampshire Board of Mental Health Practice;
  - A valid license as an occupational therapist from the New Hampshire Occupational Therapy Governing Board; or
  - A valid license as a speech-language pathologist from the New Hampshire Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board;
- Have at least 4 years of documented school experience in education, school guidance, administration, speech therapy, or occupational therapy;
- Have successfully completed a SAIF program approved by the New Hampshire Department of Education, or
- Have acquired the competencies, knowledge and skills listed in Ed 508.04; and
- Qualify through one of the available Alternative Pathways for licensure described on NH Department of Education certification website.

There are multiple levels of credentials, each with varying requirements:

#### • Beginning Educator License

- Beginning educator licenses 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.

#### • 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

### Regulatory Agency

#### Bureau of Credentialing

Division of Educator Support and Higher Education  
New Hampshire Department of Education  
101 Pleasant Street  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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## Specialist in the Assessment of Intellectual Functioning (SAIF) (continued)

### 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 Assessment, Testing, and Measurement; Applied Behavior Analysis; School Psychology

### 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

19-3031.01 School Psychologists

### Additional Information Sources

Not provided