

School Psychologist

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

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 186
Administrative Rules: Chapter Ed 500

Certification Requirements

- Qualify through one of the available Alternative Pathways for licensure described on NH Department of Education webpage.
- Have completed any of the 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. Completion of 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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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 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.

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- **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.

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.

Reciprocity

Permitted in accordance with the NASDTEC Interstate Contract

O*Net Codes

19-3031.01 School Psychologists

Active Licenses

Not provided

Related Training

School Psychology; Clinical Child Psychology

Additional Information Sources

National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)
<www.nasdtec.org>

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

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