

1659 **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

1659.1 For certification as a school psychologist, the following shall be required:

- A. A master's degree in school, psychology, educational, or clinical psychology from an accredited institution to include 42 semester hours of graduate level coursework and 500 clock hours of satisfactory field experience in a school setting under the supervision of a certified school psychologist;
 - a. 15 semester hours to include the following:
 - i. Introduction to school psychology;
 - ii. Child adolescent psychology or developmental psychology;
 - iii. Psychology of abnormal behavior/psychopathy of childhood and adolescence (mental hygiene);
 - iv. Statistics; tests and measurements, evaluation; or research methods; and
 - v. Seminar in school psychology;
 - b. Six semester hours from among the following:
 - i. Neurology or neuropsychology and brain behavior;
 - ii. Biological basis of behavior;
 - iii. Theories of learning; or
 - iv. Theories of personality;
 - c. Nine semester hours from the following:
 - i. History and systems of psychology;
 - ii. Psychology of the exceptional child;
 - iii. Socio-cultural education;
 - iv. Survey of problems and issues in special education; or
 - v. Public school law; urban issues; legal and ethical issues;
 - d. Six semester hours to include the following:
 - i. Individual assessment of cognitive abilities; and
 - ii. Behavioral assessment (behavioral checklist, classroom observation techniques); and
 - e. Six semester hours from the following:
 - i. Evaluation and diagnosis of exceptional children;
 - ii. Diagnosis and remedial techniques in arithmetic;

- iii. The learning disabled child/learning disabilities; or
- iv. Personality assessment.

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