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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