

1660 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

1660.1 For certification as a school worker, the following shall be required:

- A. A master's degree in social work from an accredited institution of social work that includes the following:
 - i. Field practicum in a setting providing direct services to individuals and groups of school age children and their families; or
 - ii. A minimum of one year paid professional experience (post master's degree) in a setting providing direct services to individuals and groups of school age children and their families;

- B. Program content to include the following:
 - i. Four semester hours in family and child related coursework;
 - ii. Four semester hours in human behavior and social environment;
 - iii. Four semester hours in social welfare policy and services;
 - iv. Eight semester hours in social work practice;
 - v. Four semester hours in research; and
 - vi. Six semester hours to include the following:
 - 1) Laws and regulations, which impact upon school programs; and
 - 2) Content in the area of disabling conditions and appropriate interventions;

- C. Skills to include the following:
 - i. Developing a social history and psychological assessments by use of appropriate methodologies and theories (i.e., systems, family psychological theories and framework);
 - ii. Utilizing theoretical and practice knowledge in counseling (i.e., family dynamics, crisis intervention and mediation);
 - iii. Communication (i.e., speech, writing, sign language when/where appropriate);
 - iv. Child and adolescent development theories (i.e., typical vs. atypical development; life cycle issues);
 - v. Learning and behavioral theories;
 - vi. The influence of situations which impact upon individuals, families, and communities;
 - vii. Law and legal provisions in the area of child welfare;
 - viii. The cause and effects of social, cultural, and environmental forces and their impact on learning and human behavior (i.e., effect of these forces on race, ethics, gender, socio-economic status); and
 - ix. The role and function of the school social worker in relationship to school, communities, and organizations; and

- D. A valid license to practice social work in the District of Columbia.

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