

282—15.11(272) School psychologist.

15.11(1) *Authorization.* The holder of this endorsement is authorized to serve as a school psychologist with pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

15.11(2) *Program requirements.*

a. An applicant shall have completed a program of graduate study that is currently approved (or that was approved at the time of graduation) by the National Association of School Psychologists or the American Psychological Association, or be certified as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist by the National Association of School Psychologists, in preparation for service as a school psychologist through one of the following options:

(1) Completion of a master's degree with sufficient graduate semester hours beyond a baccalaureate degree to total 60; or

(2) Completion of a specialist's degree of at least 60 graduate semester hours with or without completion of a terminal master's degree program; or

(3) Completion of a doctoral degree program of at least 60 graduate semester hours with or without completion of a terminal master's degree program or specialist's degree program.

b. The program shall include an approved human relations component.

c. The program must include preparation that contributes to the education of students with disabilities and students who are gifted and talented.

15.11(3) *School psychologist one-year Class A license.*

a. Requirements for a one-year Class A license. A nonrenewable Class A license valid for one year may be issued to an individual who must complete an internship or thesis as an aspect of an approved program in preparation for the school psychologist endorsement. The one-year Class A license may be issued under the following limited conditions:

(1) Verification from the institution that the internship or thesis is a requirement for successful completion of the program.

(2) Verification that the employment situation will be satisfactory for the internship experience.

(3) Verification from the institution of the length of the approved and planned internship or the anticipated completion date of the thesis.

(4) Verification of the evaluation processes for successful completion of the internship or thesis.

(5) Verification that the internship or thesis is the only requirement remaining for successful completion of the approved program.

b. Written documentation of the above requirements must be provided by the official at the institution where the individual is completing the approved school psychologist program and forwarded to the board of educational examiners with the application form for licensure.