

282—15.16(272) School occupational therapist.

15.16(1) *Authorization.* The holder of this authorization may serve as a school occupational therapist to pupils from birth to age 21 who have physical impairments (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

The legalization for this support personnel is through a statement of professional recognition (SPR) and not through teacher licensure.

15.16(2) *Program requirements.* The applicant must:

- a.* Hold a degree or equivalent baccalaureate in occupational therapy.
- b.* Hold a valid license to practice occupational therapy in Iowa as granted by the professional licensure division, department of public health.

15.16(3) *Procedure for acquiring a statement of professional recognition (SPR).*

a. The special education director (or designee) of the area education agency must submit a letter to the board of educational examiners to request that the authorization be issued.

b. An applicant must submit the following documents:

(1) A copy of a temporary or regular license from the professional licensure division, department of public health.

(2) An official transcript.

c. A temporary SPR will then be issued for one school year if the class of license from the professional licensure division is temporary.

d. A regular SPR will be issued with verification of a regular license and of at least a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy.