

282—15.17(272) School physical therapist.

15.17(1) *Authorization.* The holder of this authorization can serve as a school physical 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 service personnel is through a statement of professional recognition (SPR) and not through teacher licensure.

15.17(2) *Program requirements.* An applicant must:

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

15.17(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 physical therapy.