

# 262 CMR 5.00: Requirements For Licensure As an Educational Psychologist

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## 5.01: Licensure Requirements

(1) **Preface.** To qualify for licensure as an educational psychologist, pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. c. 112, § 165, as amended, an applicant must provide evidence satisfactory to the Board that the professional standards and education experience requirements described in 262 CMR 5.01(3) have been met by the applicant.

All licensed educational psychologists are charged with having knowledge of the existence of 262 CMR and required to practice educational psychology in accordance with them.

### (2) **Definitions.**

**Approved Supervisor.** A school psychologist who:

- (a) is licensed as an educational psychologist, or meets the qualifications for licensure as an educational psychologist by the Board; and
- (b) has a minimum of five full-time academic years, or equivalent part-time, experience as a certified school psychologist.

**Board.** Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions.

**CAGS.** Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study.

**Full-Time Academic Year.** A full-time academic year consists of a minimum of 180 days. Two full-time academic years consist of a minimum of 360 days.

**Licensure Examination.** The examination for licensure as an educational psychologist shall be the National School Psychology Examination (ETS/NTE #40) of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) administered by Education Testing Service (ETS). NASP Certification as an NCSP is not required for licensure. The licensure examination is administered three times per year by ETS. For information on sites, dates of administration, and fees, contact ETS.

**School Psychological Services.** Consists of employment by a public school system or private school or agency as a Department of Education certified school psychologist engaged in the role and performing the duties of a school psychologist. Private practice/self-employment as a school psychologist is not acceptable in fulfillment of the post-master's degree work experience in school psychological services requirement.

**Supervised Clinical Experience.** A minimum of 60 hours of post-master's degree supervision in the practice of school psychological services by an approved supervisor.

**Supervision.** A regularly scheduled meeting of not more than six school psychologists with an approved supervisor for period of at least one hour. "Peer" supervision will not be considered to be qualifying supervision for these purposes.

(3) **Licensure Eligibility Categories.** A candidate for licensure as an educational psychologist must meet the requirements set forth in 262 CMR 5.01(3)(a) through (e):

(a) **A Master's Degree, CAGS, or Doctoral Degree in School Psychology from an Educational Institution Licensed or Accredited by the State in which it is Located.** The applicant's graduate degree must consist of:

1. a minimum of 60 credits of approved graduate course work: If an applicant's graduate degree program of study consisted of less than 60 credits of approved graduate course work, evidence of completion of graduate level courses outside of the degree program sufficient to meet the 60 credit approved courses requirement must be submitted to the Board for review and approval;
2. a Practicum/Internship experience consisting of a minimum of 1200 clock hours of supervised field placement. If an applicant's graduate degree program of study did not include a minimum of 1200 clock hours of supervised field placement, evidence of completion of additional hours of supervised field placement outside of the graduate degree program sufficient to meet the 1200 clock hour requirement must be submitted to the Board for review and approval;

(b) Current certification (copy of certificate) as a school psychologist by the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or comparable certification from another state;

(c) A minimum of two full-time academic years, or equivalent part-time, post-master's degree experience in school psychological services;

- (d) Successful completion of a Supervised Clinical Experience; and
- (e) Achievement of a passing score on the licensure examination.