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New Rules for School Social Work certification

<http://www.isbe.net/licensure/requirements/oos-pel-school-support-end.pdf>

**Section 25.215 Endorsement for Certification of School Social Workers (2004)**

1. Each candidate for the school support service personnel endorsement certificate endorsed for school social worker work shall hold a master’s or higher degree in social work with a specialization in school social work awarded by a graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

b) Each candidate shall have completed an Illinois program approved for the preparation of school social workers pursuant to Subpart C of this Part or a comparable approved program in another state or country or hold a comparable certificate or license issued by another state or country (see Section 25.425 of this Part).

c) Each candidate shall have completed both a supervised field experience of at least 400 contact hours, supervised by a field instructor holding a master’s or higher degree in social work, and a school social work internship of at least 600 contact hours in a school setting or have one year’s professional experience as a school social worker on a valid out-of-state school social work certificate or license or an Illinois educator license with stipulations for provisional educator with a provisional school support service personnel endorsement certificate endorsed for school social worker work.

d) Each candidate shall be required to pass the applicable content-area test (see Section 25.710 of this Part). For the purposes of this subsection (d), a candidate shall pass the content-area test prior to beginning the last semester or term of his or her internship required under subsection (c) of this Section.

e) Nothing in this Section is intended to preclude the candidate from seeking the issuance of an educator license with stipulations endorsed for a provisional educator certificate under Section 21B-20 21-10 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/21B-20] in the event that the individual has failed to meet one or more of the requirements for a professional educator license endorsed for school social worker.

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