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- 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 of professional experience as a school social worker on a valid, comparable out-of-state school social work certificate or license that allows the holder to work as a school social worker in that state's public schools, or an Illinois educator license with stipulations for provisional educator with a school support personnel endorsement for school social worker.
- d) Each candidate shall be required to pass the applicable content-area test (see Section 25.710), as well as the test of basic skills, subject to the provisions of Section 25.720 and the timeline for the passage of each test set forth in Section 21B-30 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5]. (See also 23 Ill. Adm. Code 23.140.)
- e) Nothing in this Section is intended to preclude the candidate from seeking the issuance of an educator license with stipulations endorsed for provisional educator under Section 21B-20 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.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 25.225 Endorsement for School Counselors

- a) Each applicant for the school support personnel endorsement for school counselor shall hold a master's or higher degree awarded by a regionally accredited institution of higher education in school counseling, ~~another counseling or related field (e.g., social work or psychology), or an educational field.~~
- b) Each applicant shall have completed an Illinois program approved for the preparation of school counselors pursuant to Subpart C 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).
- c) Each candidate shall have completed a supervised counseling practicum of at least 100 clock hours that provided interaction with individuals and groups of school age and included at least 40 hours of direct service work. Except as provided in

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subsection (e), each applicant shall have completed a structured and supervised internship that is part of an approved program.

- 1) The internship shall be of a length that is determined by the approved program to be adequate to enable candidates to meet the standards set forth at 23 Ill. Adm. Code 23.110 but shall entail at least 600 hours and last no less than one semester, during which the candidate shall engage in the performance of various aspects of the counseling role and shall be gradually introduced to the full range of responsibilities associated with that role. However, the internship for an individual with at least two years of teaching experience may, at the discretion of the institution offering the approved program, consist of no fewer than 400 hours. In each case at least 240 hours of the internship shall involve direct service work with individuals and groups of school age.
 - 2) The internship shall occur in a school setting except that, at the discretion of the institution, a maximum of one-third of the hours required may be credited for experiences in other related settings such as hospitals or day care settings that, in the judgment of the institution, expose the candidate to the needs of school-aged children and prepare the candidate to function as a school counselor.
- d) Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f), each applicant shall either:
- 1) hold or be qualified to hold a professional educator license endorsed for teaching; or
 - 2) have completed, as part of an approved program, coursework addressing:
 - A) the structure, organization and operation of the educational system, with emphasis on P-12 schools;
 - B) the growth and development of children and youth, and their implications for counseling in schools;
 - C) the diversity of Illinois students and the laws and programs that have been designed to meet their unique needs; and
 - D) effective management of the classroom and the learning process.

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- e) An applicant who holds another state's certificate or license in school counseling shall not be subject to the requirements of subsection (c) or subsection (d) ~~of this Section~~ if he or she presents evidence of at least one year of full-time experience as a school counselor on a valid, comparable out-of-state school counseling certificate or license that allows the holder to work as a school counselor in that state's public schools or on an Illinois educator license with stipulations endorsed for provisional educator with a school support personnel endorsement for school counselor.
- f) An applicant who has completed an approved school counseling program in another state that includes an internship meeting the requirements of subsection (c) shall not be subject to the requirements of subsection (d).
- g) Each candidate shall be required to pass the applicable content-area test (see Section 25.710), as well as the test of basic skills, subject to the provisions of Section 25.720 and the timeline for the passage of each test set forth in Section 21B-30 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5]. (See also 23 Ill. Adm. Code 23.110.)
- h) Nothing in this Section is intended to preclude the candidate from seeking the issuance of an educator license with stipulations endorsed for provisional educator under Section 21B-20 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 counselor.

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Section 25.230 Nationally Certified School Psychologist

An individual who is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist may qualify for a school support endorsement for school psychologist under the requirements of this Section, rather than the requirements set forth in Section 25.235 (Endorsement for School Psychologists).

- a) Each candidate shall hold valid national certification issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (<http://www.nasponline.org/index.aspx>) that allows the holder to work as a school psychologist in public schools.

