

School Psychologist Certification

A person employed as a school psychologist in a Michigan school is required to hold a valid Michigan School Psychologist Certificate or a Preliminary School Psychologist Certificate.

An application for a School Psychologist Certificate or Preliminary School Psychologist Certificate is created through the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS).

Preliminary School Psychologist Certificate (R 380.204 & 380.205) Valid for 3 years and available to individuals who meet the following requirements:

1. Complete a graduate degree in an approved school psychology certification program (no less than 45 semester credit hours); and
2. Complete a 600 clock-hour, supervised practicum in school psychology; and
3. Possess a valid out-of-state school psychologist certificate or license if the school psychologist program was completed in another state.

Preliminary School Psychologist Renewal (R 380.204 & 380.205) A one-time, 3-year renewal may be granted upon application and verification of one of the following:

- Six (6) semester credit hours in an approved school psychologist program from an Educator Preparation Institution. The credit must be completed since the issue date of the preliminary psychology certificate; or
- A valid, out-of-state school psychologist certificate.

School Psychologist Certificate (R 380.206) Valid for 5 years and available to individuals who meet the following requirements:

1. Possess a current or expired Preliminary School Psychologist Certificate; and
2. Complete a state-approved specialist-level degree or the equivalent (no less than 60 semester credit hours) in school psychology with a 1200 clock-hour internship from an [Educator Preparation Institution \(EPI\)](#).

An out-of-state applicant may qualify for a **School Psychologist Certificate** (R 380.206), valid for 5 years, as an initial certificate if the individual meets the following requirements:

1. Complete a specialist-level degree or the equivalent (no less than 60 semester credit hours) in school psychology with a 1200 clock-hour internship from an out-of-state Educator Preparation Institution; and
2. Possess a valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential issued by the [National Association of School Psychologists](#), (NASP) or a valid, standard school psychologist certificate from the state where the program was completed.

School Psychologist Renewal (R 380.206) Valid for 5 years and renewable using one of the following options:

Option A: One of the following [Education-related professional learning](#) options completed since the issue date of the most recent school psychology certificate or renewal and logged into [MOECS](#):

- 6 semester credit hours appropriate for performing the roles of a school psychologist from a [regionally accredited college or university](#); or
- 150 Michigan [State Continuing Education Clock Hours](#) (SCECHs) appropriate for performing the roles of a school psychologist; or
- 150 hours of Michigan [District Provided Professional Development](#) (DPPD) appropriate for performing the roles of a school psychologist.
- Any combination of the above equaling 150 hours.

Option B: A valid Michigan Professional Teaching Certificate.

Option C: A valid Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential.

Option D: A valid out-of-state school psychologist certificate. Option D is for a one-time renewal only.

Education-Related Professional Learning Hour Conversion:

- College credit: 1 semester credit = 25 professional learning hours
- SCECH Hours: 1 SCECH hour = 1 professional learning hour
- DPPD Hours: 1 DPPD hour = 1 professional learning hour

All applications for initial certification and renewal are submitted through [MOECS](#). Here are instructions for [creating an initial MOECS account](#) and [checking your application status](#) in MOECS after an application has been created. If you use District Provided Professional Development to renew your school psychologist certificate, you will need to have the [DPPD form](#) completed by your employing district.