**Section 25.235 Endorsement for School Psychologists**

a) The school psychologist endorsement shall be affixed to a PEL.

b) Each individual seeking a PEL endorsed for school psychologist shall complete the requirements set forth in Section 25.25.

c) Each candidate for the school support personnel endorsement for school psychologist shall hold a master's or higher degree in psychology or educational psychology with a specialization in school psychology.

d) Each candidate shall:

1) have completed an Illinois program approved for the preparation of school psychologists pursuant to Subpart C or a comparable approved program in another state or country (including an internship); or

2) hold a comparable certificate or license issued by another state or country (see Section 25.425).

e) If completing an Illinois approved program, each candidate shall have completed both a supervised field experience of at least 250 hours in a school setting or child study center and a one-year, full-time internship under the direction of an intern supervisor.

f) The following experience shall be honored in lieu of an internship:

1) one year of professional experience as a school psychologist on a valid, comparable out-of-state certificate or license that allows the holder to work as a school psychologist in that state's public schools; or

2) one year of full-time experience working as a school psychologist on a short-term approval and a proficient or higher evaluation rating.

g) Each candidate shall be required to pass the applicable content-area test (see Section 25.710) subject to the provisions of Section 25.720.

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