

NOTE: the disciplines specified in federal regulations are **bolded**

Disciplines & Professions	Highest Standard
1. <b>Audiologist</b>	Master's plus licensure in Audiology by the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology.
2. Certified Therapeutic Recreation Therapist	Bachelor's plus certification from the National Council on Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC).
3. Counselor	Master's and licensure by Board of Professional Counselors.
Licensed Professional Counselor	Master's plus licensure as a school counselor by the VA Dept. of Education.
School Counselor	(termed Special Educator in federal regulations) Bachelor's plus licensure in special education early childhood (birth-5) from the VA Dept. of Education.
4. <b>Early Childhood Special Educator</b>	Bachelor's plus licensure early/primary education preK-3 from the Va Dept of Education.
5. Educator	Bachelor's plus licensure in Work and Family Studies from the VA Dept of Education.
6. Early Intervention Assistant	Technical Professional License in Work and Family Studies from the VA Dept of Education.
7. Early Intervention Generalist	Approval of qualification from the Dept of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services
8. Educational Interpreter	Person employed in VA's Part C system prior to September 1993 who does not meet another Highest Standard listed in this section. This is a temporary measure to enable continued employment of these experienced individuals until July 1, 2002. On July 1, 2002, the Early Intervention Generalist must meet one of the Highest Standards in VA.
9. Educator of the Hearing Impaired	Certificate from Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf of VA, Quality Assurance Screening Level III.
10. Educator of the Visually Impaired	Bachelor's plus licensure in hearing impairment from the VA Dept of Education.
10. Educator of the Visually Impaired	Bachelor's plus licensure in visual impairment from the VA Dept of Education.

11. Family & Consumer Science Professional	Bachelor's plus certification through the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.
12. <b>Family Therapist</b>	(Marriage and Family Therapist) Marriage and Family Therapy license by the Board of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Substance Abuse Professionals.
13. <b>Nurse</b>	R.N. plus licensure by the Board of Nursing.
Registered Nurse	R.N. plus licensure by the Board of Nursing plus completion of an approved or accredited program to prepare nurse practitioners, and is licensed as a nurse practitioner by the Boards of Nursing and Medicine.
Nurse Practitioner	
14. <b>Nutritionist</b>	Bachelor's plus Registered Dietitian by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, American Dietetic Association.
15. <b>Occupational Therapist</b>	Bachelor's plus certification by the Board of Medicine as Registered Occupational Therapist.
16. Occupational Therapy Assistant	Degree from a 2 year accredited program plus pass an examination by the National Occupational Therapy Certification Board.
17. <b>Orientation &amp; Mobility Specialist</b>	Bachelor's plus certificate from the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.
18. <b>Physical Therapist</b>	Bachelor's plus licensure by the Board of Medicine.
19. Physical Therapy Assistant	2 year college level degree plus licensure by the Board of Medicine.
20. <b>Physician</b>	Doctor of Medicine plus licensure by the Board of Medicine.
21. <b>Psychologist</b>	Doctorate with licensure by the Board of Medicine.
Clinical Psychologist	Masters in school psychology plus licensure by the Board of Psychology or licensure by the VA Dept of Education
School Psychologist	
Applied Psychologist	Doctorate in psychology plus licensure by the Board of Psychology.
22. <b>Social Worker</b>	
Licensed Social Worker	Bachelor's plus licensure by the Board of Social Work; entitles one to practice case management and supportive services.

Registered Social Worker	Bachelor's plus registration by the Board of Social Work; entitles on to practice case management; this one-time registration is longer available to new personnel.
Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Master's plus licensure by the Board of Social Work; entitles one to practice independently.
School Social Worker	Master's plus licensure as a school social worker by the Dept of Education; enables one to pracitce as a social worker within local school divisions.
Visiting Teacher	Master's plus licensure as a visiting teacher by the Dept of Education.
<b>23. Speech-Language Pathologist</b>	Master's plus licensure in Speech-Language Pathology by the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology or licensure with an endorsement in Speech-Language Disorders by the VA Board of Education.