

Licensing Requirements for the Pupil Services Areas

The eight pupil services areas listed below require an individual to hold a board license from the respective Ohio licensure board (e.g. Board of Nursing, Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, etc.) as well as Ohio Department of Education licensure to work in the schools. These professions require an Ohio board license in order for someone to practice in any setting, including school settings.

- School audiologist,
- School social worker,
- School speech-language pathologist,
- School nurse,
- Occupational therapist,
- Physical therapist,
- Occupational therapy assistant, and
- Physical therapy assistant.

All individuals working with students in schools as teachers, administrators, and pupil services practitioners are required to hold the respective Ohio Department of Education issued license to practice in their area of licensure in the schools.

The requirement that pupil services practitioners must hold both a professional board license and an Ohio Department of Education license applies to all people working in these roles in school settings, regardless of the person's contracted status. If a person is assigned to and serving in the role of school nurse, school occupational therapist, school speech-language pathologist or any of the other cited areas then these dual licensing requirements apply.