

NCSP Earns Formal Recognition From National Register

Bethesda, MD—The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) is pleased to announce formal recognition of the Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential by the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. The National Register establishes uniform, rigorous criteria for specialty credentialing programs, like the NCSP, for health service psychologists.

This recognition demonstrates the commitment of NASP and the National School Psychology Certification Board to maintaining a rigorous standard for the NCSP, fair and comprehensive procedures, and integrity in the administration of the credential. Further, it represents NASP's alignment with the core features of a credentialing organization for providers of mental and behavioral health services as identified by the National Register of Health Service Psychologists.

School psychologists who hold the NCSP have met the established standards of NASP, specifically the [Standards for the Credentialing of School Psychologists](#). *These standards require candidates for the NCSP to demonstrate the ability to integrate both knowledge and practice competencies across 10 domains of professional practice.*

School psychologists wishing to be listed individually in the National Register, regardless of NCSP status, must still meet the criteria established by the Register (see <http://www.nationalregister.org/apply/>). Those who qualify will be able to identify themselves as an NCSP on the National Register's website. Importantly, all those with the NCSP can convey that they hold a credential recognized by the National Register. (See related article for more information on the National Register.)

"The NCSP reinforces NASP's high standards for school psychological preparation and practice and, ultimately, contributes to the quality of services for children, families and schools," notes NASP President Todd Savage. "Recognition by the National Register reflects the seriousness of NASP's commitment to the rigor of the NCSP."

"We were incredibly impressed with the NCSP credentialing requirements and internal quality assurance procedures described by NASP," notes Morgan T. Sammons, PhD, ABPP, Executive Officer of the National Register of Health Service Psychologists. "It is clear that the NCSP credential is a highly credible mechanism for identifying qualified school psychologists to consumers, and we believe that highlighting school psychologists who hold this distinction will add value to the information presented on our FindaPsychologist.org website. We are delighted to list the NCSP alongside our other recognized credentials offered by the American Board of Professional Psychology, the American Board of

Professional Neuropsychology, and the American Psychological Association's College of Professional Psychology."

NASP empowers school psychologists by advancing effective practices to improve students' learning, behavior, and mental health. Further information is available at www.nasponline.org.

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