

School Counselor: Out-of-State Temporary School Counselor Authorization

The Temporary School Counselor Authorization (TSCA) is an interim credential for applicants who have completed all requirements of an **out-of-state**, approved school counselor educator program or its equivalency, including an internship in a school setting. Applicants who receive this authorization are seeking an initial Michigan School Counselor License (SCL).

Upon issuance of the TSCA applicants are eligible to be hired to work as a school counselor within a K-12 school while completing Michigan testing required for issuance of the SCL.

The TSCA is valid for one year and is non-renewable.

Criteria:

Those who complete an advanced degree program including an internship in a school setting via an approved school counselor education program may be evaluated for a TSCA. Applicants who earn a Bachelor degree and have 5 years of successful experience out of the immediate preceding 7 years, serving as a school counselor and who hold a valid out of state school counselor certificate may be eligible for the TSCA.

Applicants who receive the TSCA authorization are evaluated for certification by the Office of Educator Excellence of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) but have yet to take and pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) School Counselor examination.

Application Process:

Applicants submit an application for a School Counselor License by accessing the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#). MDE will evaluate individuals for eligibility of the TSCA after an application is submitted online, the application processing fee has been paid and all supporting application documents have been received by the Office of Educator Excellence.

Note:

In MOECS applicants will need to select they are submitting an application for a SCL. As part of the application process, a series of questions will need to be answered. The answers provided by the applicant are used in the evaluation process to determine an applicant's eligibility to be issued the TSCA.