

School Counselor License

In-State Applicants:

Applicants who are enrolled in a school counselor program at an [approved Educator Preparation Institution](#) will be evaluated for eligibility of a School Counselor License (SCL) by the in-state university certification officer. An evaluation for a school counselor credential may lead to an applicant initially being recommended for a [Preliminary Employment Authorization to Work as a School Counselor](#) and subsequently a SCL. The SCL is valid for 5 years and is issued to candidates who have fulfilled all Michigan institutional and academic requirements, including the following:

- Completion of at least 30 graduate level semester hours in an approved school counselor education program; and
- All program requirements including an internship of not less than 600 clock hours based on an approved school counselor program in a school district under the supervision of a credentialed school counselor or a school counselor educator. At least 300 of the 600 clock hours shall be in a school setting; and
- Passage of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) School Counselor examination.

Out-of-State Applicants:

Applicants who complete all requirements of an approved, out-of-state school counselor education program and/or fulfilled requirements as noted are eligible to be evaluated for the SCL by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Educator Excellence.

Out-of-state candidates who submit an application for the SCL may initially receive a [Temporary School Counselor Authorization](#) (TSCA).

An application for the SCL is submitted via the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS). Prior to applying all candidates must fulfill the following:

- Applicant completed a master's degree or higher in a school counselor educator program including internship in a school setting at an out-of-state university or its equivalency.

OR

- Applicant has earned a bachelor's degree AND has successfully worked out-of-state as a school counselor 5 out of the immediately preceding 7 years, plus hold a valid school counselor certificate/license issued by another state.

Note: Passage of the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC), School Counselor examination is required of all applicants seeking a school counselor credential. The

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Information pertaining to renewing a school counselor credential *Before* and *After* February 6, 2020 can be accessed via the [SCL renewals](#) document.