School Counselor

You must complete an approved graduate degree school counselor program to qualify for a School Counselor license

1. School Counselor Program
   a. Find which KS universities provide an approved school counselor program here: Directory App Progs Endorsements 02032021.pdf (ksde.org)
   b. Contact the Licensure Officer at your chosen university for entry requirements into the program and a plan of study.
      i. You do not need to have a teaching background or teaching license to complete a school counselor program. If you do not have a teaching background, your plan of study will include some additional field experiences in schools.
   c. Progress through program coursework after formal acceptance by the university.
      i. Must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA in program coursework.

2. Provisional License
   a. Available when 50% of the program coursework is completed AND
   b. A district verifies assignment in a counseling position
      i. Can only be assigned under the direct supervision of a school counselor holding a Professional level school counselor license.
   c. Coordinate submission of the application with the Licensure Officer

3. Initial License
   a. Complete the program and earn degree
   b. Pass school counselor assessment
      i. Find current required school counselor assessment here: Praxis: Kansas: Test Requirements (ets.org) (click on Instructional Support Personnel)
   c. Coordinate submission of the application with the Licensure Officer

4. Professional license
   a. Complete a year-long approved mentor program during first year of employment as a school counselor during the Initial license to upgrade to the Professional level license.