

# **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.