



CAREER PATH
Human Services
 CAREER CLUSTER
Education and Training
 CAREER PATHWAY
Professional Support Services



COUNSELOR

Counsel individuals and provide group educational and vocational guidance services.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a counselor are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Educational, vocational, and school counselors	8.9%	18.3%	72.8%
Counselors, social workers, and other community and social service specialists	10.3%	19.8%	69.9%
Community and Social Services	10.5%	20.5%	69.0%

Most Common Educational Level: Master's degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$18.12	\$23.77	\$30.52
	Yearly	\$37,700	\$49,400	\$63,500
Missouri	Hourly	\$16.34	\$20.62	\$27.06
	Yearly	\$34,000	\$42,900	\$56,300

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Counselors	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	259,500	292,400	+ 13 %	8,420
Missouri	4,930	5,400	+ 10 %	160

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO
 (573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Lindenwood University

Saint Charles, MO
 (636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Missouri Baptist University

St. Louis, MO
 (314) 414-1115
www.mobap.edu

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO
 (417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Northwest Missouri State University

Maryville, MO
 (660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Saint Louis University

Saint Louis, MO
 (314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University

Cape Girardeau, MO
 (573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

Stephens College

Columbia, MO
 (573) 442-2211
www.stephens.edu

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Truman State University
Kirksville, MO
(660) 785-4000
www.truman.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia
Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

**University of Missouri
- Kansas City**
Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
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- St. Louis**
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