

What are the requirements for certification in Missouri?

An individual seeking to become certified as a school counselor must:

1. Obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved master's or higher-level school counselor preparation program.
2. Have either:
 - a) a master's or higher degree in school counseling from a state-approved school counselor preparation program.
 - b) a master's or higher degree in education, school counseling, counseling, counseling psychology, or a closely related mental health discipline, as well as additional graduate coursework specific to school counseling as designated by the certification official for a state-approved program. This coursework must include a supervised internship or field experience of at least 300 hours in an appropriate school setting.
3. Complete either:
 - a) a bachelor's degree in education from a state-approved teacher preparation program.
 - b) a curriculum in teaching methods and practices, classroom management, and the psychology of the exceptional child as specified by the certification official for a state-approved program.
4. Achieve a score equal to or greater than the Missouri qualifying score on the assessment designated by the State Board of Education, not to include the principles of learning and teaching.

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What Is School Counseling?

The comprehensive school counseling program is an integral part of a school district's total educational program. It is developmental, preventative and responsive by design and includes sequential activities organized and implemented by school counselors with the active support of parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and the community.

As a developmental, preventative and responsive program, it addresses the needs of all students by facilitating their academic, social/emotional, and career development as well as helping create positive and safe learning climates in schools. At the same time, the program assists students as they face issues and resolve problems that may prevent their healthy development. The program is delivered through the following four program components:

- 1) School Counseling Curriculum
- 2) Individual Student Planning
- 3) Responsive Services
- 4) System Support

How do you become a member of MSCA?

Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) membership is open to anyone who is associated with or interested in school counseling. For more information, visit <http://moschoolcounselor.org/>.

Approved Graduate School Counseling Programs

Evangel University

1111 N. Glenstone
Springfield, MO 65802
(412) 865.2815, Ext. 8566

Lincoln University

436 Martin Luther King Hall
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0029
(573) 681.5252

Lindenwood University

400 N. Kingshighway
St. Charles, MO 63301
(636) 949.4529

Missouri Baptist University

1 College Park Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 392.2332

Missouri State University

901 S. National Ave.
Springfield, MO 65897
(417) 836.5449

Northwest Missouri State University

2420 Colden Hall
Maryville, MO 64468
(660) 562.1260

Southeast Missouri State University

1 University Plaza, MS 5550
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 651.2417

Stephens College

1200 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65215
(573) 876.7130

Truman University

100 E. Normal Avenue
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 785.4109

University of Central Missouri

1334 Lovinger
Warrensburg, MO 64093
(660) 543.8204

University of Missouri-Columbia

2A Hill Hall
Columbia, MO 65211
(573) 882.3523

University of Missouri-Kansas City

215 Education
Kansas City, MO 64110
(816) 235.2495

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St. Louis, MO 63121-4400
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