**Parallel Pathways program - 54 Credit Hours**

This program does not require that you have a teaching license. You must complete the traditional MS in School Counseling in addition to two 3-credit hour courses:

ALTC 804 Understanding the Learner

ALTC 805 Working with Diverse and Exceptional Learners

You may then apply for an Initial School Specialist License, providing you have passed the required School Counselor Praxis test. This is Form 1 on the KSDE website. <https://apps.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx>.

To move to the Professional School Specialist license, **you must enroll in and complete two full semesters of a supervised internship under the** Initial School Counselor License while employed as a school counselor under the supervision of FHSU in collaboration with the employing district.

**Obtaining a Provisional School Counselor License – prior to completion of the Parallel Pathways program**

If you are hired as a School Counselor before completion of the entire program, you can apply for a Provisional School Counselor license. To be eligible, you must:

* Be hired as a school counselor in Kansas
* Have completed 50% of the school counselor program (27 credit hours)
* Have completed 50% of the additional field experiences required (either ALTC 804 or ALTC 805).
* Be supervised by a professional level school counselor.

To apply for the license, complete Form 4 on the KSDE website. The provisional license is valid for two years and may be renewed for an additional two years if the entire program is not completed. <https://apps.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx>

**Obtaining a Professional School Counselor License – Parallel Pathways Program**

Each applicant for a professional school counselor license must meet the following requirements:

 1. Verification of successful completion of a supervised internship year while the applicant is employed as a school counselor in a school accredited by the state board or by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the state board and while the applicant holds an initial school specialist license. The internship shall be for one full school year or two full semesters and shall be under the supervision of FHSU in collaboration with the hiring school district.

 2. Verification of at least one year of recent accredited experience or at least eight semester hours of recent credit

3. An application for professional school counselor license.

4. The application fee

5. Candidates completing the Parallel Pathways Program, apply for a ‘Professional School Specialist License.’ This is **KSDE Form 19** ‘Upgrade to Professional School Specialist License’ available at <https://apps.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx>. Allow KSDE 4-6 weeks for processing the application by KSDE. Once processed, it can be printed from the KSDE License Lookup. <https://svapp15586.ksde.org/TLL/SearchLicense.aspx>.