

CAREER QUICK FACTS: SCHOOL COUNSELOR

School counselors design and deliver school counseling programs that improve student outcomes. They lead, advocate and collaborate to support students by connecting their school counseling program to the school's academic mission and school improvement plan. School counselors help students apply academic achievement strategies, manage emotions and apply interpersonal skills, and plan for postsecondary options.

Important Skills: assessment and evaluation, communication, planning, goal setting, working with teachers, parents, administrators, and students, data analysis, consultation, understanding of when and how to make referrals, time management, stress management, crisis intervention

Source: ASCA.org

How do I become a School Counselor?

School counselors must hold, at minimum, a master's degree in school counseling. They must meet state certification and licensure standards as well as fulfill continuing education requirements. As a part of the master's coursework, school counselors are generally required to complete practicum experiences and an internship in a K-12 school. Licensure requirements vary from state to state, so make sure to look these up in your state of choice as you research post-grad options.

Source: ASCA.org

Career Outlook

Projected Job Growth 2025-35: 3%

- Average job growth for all occupations is 3%

Median Annual Salary: \$64,330

- Median salaries represent the exact middle point of salaries for this career (half are higher, half are lower).
- This is not an expectation for your *starting* salary. You will likely start at a lower salary and may see increases as you progress through your career.

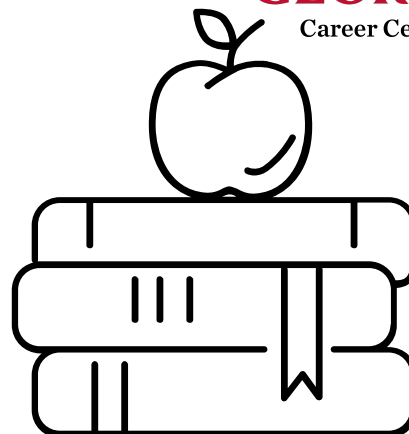
What's the difference between school counseling and school social work?

School counselors focus mainly on helping individual students succeed academically and intervening in situations in which a student appears to be struggling with personal and/or social challenges within the school setting. School social workers, in contrast, are trained to look beyond the confines of the classroom and the school in order to identify larger issues such as family dysfunction, poverty, poor nutrition, homelessness, and/or neglect and abuse that can impact a student's performance in school.

Source: masterofsocialwork.com



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The following minors and undergraduate certificates may be helpful in pursuit of this career field.

Minors to Consider

Anthropology – Communications Studies
Sociology – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Birth through Kindergarten Education
Educational Psychology –
Human Development and Family Science
Human Services – Personal Health and Well-Being – Social Work

Certificates to Consider

Disability Studies – Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages – Learning, Design, & Technology

Courses to Consider

PSYC 4100 Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 4200 Social Psychology
PSYC 4220 Developmental Psychology
EDIT 2000 Teaching and Learning with Technology
EDIT 4100S Mentoring K12 Kids through Technology
EPSY 3010 Child and Adolescent Development for Education
EPSY 4240 Abnormal Child Psychology
HDFS courses

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