

School Counselor: Out-of-State Temporary License

The Temporary School Counselor License (TSCL) is a temporary certificate for applicants who have completed all requirements of an **out-of-state**, approved school counselor educator program or its equivalency, including an internship in a school setting. Applicants who receive this credential are seeking an initial Michigan School Counselor License (SCL).

Upon issuance of the TSCL applicants are eligible to be hired to work as a school counselor within a K-12 school while completing Michigan testing required for issuance of the SCL.

The TSCL is valid for one year and is non-renewable. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) issues TSCL in accordance the Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) [380.1233](#), MCL [380.1531](#), and the [Certification and Licensure of School Counselors](#) (Administrative Rules R390.1307).

Criteria:

Those who complete an advanced degree program including an internship in a school setting via an approved school counselor education program may be evaluated for a TSCL. Applicants who earn a Bachelor degree and have 5 years of successful experience out of the immediate preceding 7 years, serving as a school counselor and who hold a valid out of state school counselor certificate may be eligible for the TSCL.

Applicants who receive the TSCL authorization are evaluated for certification by the Office of Educator Excellence of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) but have yet to take and pass the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) School Counselor examination. This temporary credential provides time for passage of the exam while obtaining employment in Michigan K-12 schools.

Application Process:

Applicants submit an application for a School Counselor License by accessing the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#). MDE will evaluate individuals for eligibility of the TSCL after an application is submitted online, the application processing fee has been paid and all supporting application documents have been received by the Office of Educator Excellence.

Note:

In MOECS applicants will need to select they are submitting an application for a SCL. As part of the application process, a series of questions will need to be answered. The answers provided by the applicant are used in the evaluation process to determine an applicant's eligibility to be issued the TSCL.