



# OKLAHOMA SCHOOL COUNSELING CERTIFICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What examinations are required for School Counseling Certification?**

A passing score on either the Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) in School Counseling (139) OR School Counselor Praxis (5422). You do not have to take both.

## **I have a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and am a Certified Principal. Can I become a Certified School Counselor?**

A Master's Degree in Educational Leadership is not considered a Master's Degree in a School Counseling-related field. Additional counseling-related graduate credit hours or counseling-related work experience would be required. Experience as a principal is not considered counseling-related.

## **Is clergy experience considered counseling-related work experience?**

Typically, no, unless the candidate can show specific counseling experience with children and adolescents beyond the typical duties of a clergyperson.

## **I am a teacher who returned to school for my Master's in School Counseling. How do I add School Counseling Certification to my Teacher's Certification?**

Information about how to add a Teacher Credential Area can be found [here](#).

## **Does Oklahoma require an internship for School Counseling Certification?**

No, internship requirements are decided by the College or University.

## **Do School Counseling Graduate Programs have to be CACREP or CAEP accredited in Oklahoma?**

No.

## **Is it required for School Counseling Candidates to have a Teaching Degree or experience teaching?**

No. However, some Graduate Programs might require a Teaching Certificate.

## **Can School Counselors be Emergency Certified?**

Yes. Decisions regarding emergency certification are handled at the local level and then approved by the State School Board. Emergency certification guidance [can be found here](#). Specific School Counseling emergency certification guidance [can be found here](#).

## **Can a district adjunct a school counselor?**

No, it is not allowable to adjunct school counselors. At a minimum, school counselors have to be emergency certified.