



## FACT SHEET

# School Counselor License/Endorsement

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On March 30, 2016, the Colorado State Board of Education approved revisions to the rules for the administration of the Educator Licensing Act, which defined an approved program for the preparation of school counselors as one that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling or Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

What follows is a timeline for “grandfathering” applicants who completed or were enrolled in non-CACREP programs prior to or shortly after the rules change.

### Timeline for Implementation of Rule Update: 2016-2021

- CDE will recognize a non-CACREP school counseling program for all individuals enrolled *prior* to March 2016 (through June 30, 2021 only).
- Anyone who began or begins a non-CACREP program *after* March 2016 **must** complete the program and apply for licensure by June 30, 2021, for CDE to recognize the program as fulfilling the “approved program” requirement.
- Effective July 1, 2021, all applicants for licensure will have to meet the new requirements, except:
  - Applicants who completed out-of-state non-CACREP programs but who meet all other requirements – and who have three (3) or more years of consecutive, full-time licensed experience as a school counselor – will need to pass a [Colorado-approved school counselor exam](#) in order to be eligible for a license.
  - Applicants who completed out-of-state non-CACREP programs and who meet all other requirements but do not have three (3) or more years of consecutive, full-time licensed experience as a school counselor will need to complete applicable CACREP coursework and pass a [Colorado approved-school counselor exam](#) in order to be eligible for a license.

### Requirements at a Glance

- An earned master’s or higher degree in school counseling
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of school counselors (as defined by accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling or Related Educational Programs), including:
  - 100 clock-hour practicum (min.)
  - 600 clock-hour internship (min.), with multiple grade levels of students, under the supervision of a licensed school counselor
- A passing score on a Colorado State Board of Education-approved school counselor exam:
  - **PLACE 41** (min. score 220)  
\*Note, the last administration of this exam was May 6, 2017. Scores will be accepted through May 6, 2022.
  - **PRAXIS 5421** (min. score: 156)

### Where can I learn more?

- Complete rules can be found on the Colorado Secretary of State’s website at <https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=7160>
- Please review the [Initial Special Services Provider License](#) checklist to begin the application process.
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