

School counselors foster academic, social, and life skills in students, which translate to academic and vocational success. They are also responsible for maintaining a student's records in accordance with academic policies and regulations.

Skills Needed

Soft Skills

- Microsoft Access, Excel
- Email, Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft PowerPoint, Prezi

Technical Skills

- Written & Oral communication
- Interpersonal skills
- Social perceptiveness/empathy
- Creative problem-solving
- Critical thinking

Things To Do During High School/College

- Ask your school counselor to mentor you, and maybe even work alongside them as a teacher's assistant so you can see what that job looks like day-to-day
- **Volunteering to tutor other students** or to be a mentor to younger peers

Education & Training Needed

Bachelor's Degree

- psychology
- social work
- education
- counseling

Master's Degree

- school counseling or a related field

Certification

Public school counselor require a state-issued certification.

Work Experience

Some states require 1-2 work experience as a teacher.

Most Rewarding Aspects of Career



Helping students realize their professional and personal goals can be very fulfilling



Playing an important part in the **positive development** of a young person

How To Land Your 1st Job

- Construct a **portfolio** showcasing the 1 highlights of your school counseling achievements in terms of data
- Keep up to date on terminology and what's 2 current in the field
- Have a firm understanding of diversity 3 studies and look for job postings on edjoin.org
- **Network** with professors, who may give you 4 **letters of recommendation** or leads on available positions
- If you have a good internship, make a good impression and network through them for job 5 positions



To learn more about this career, visit

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