DESCRIPTION OF THE FIELD

Professional School Counselors address the needs of students through the implementation of a comprehensive, standards-based, developmental school counseling program. They are employed in elementary, middle/junior high, high schools, and in post-secondary settings. Their work is differentiated by attention to age-specific developmental stages of student growth, and the needs, tasks, and student interests related to those stages. School Counselors work with all students, including those who are considered at-risk and those with special needs. They are specialists in human behavior and relationships who provide assistance to students through four primary interventions: counseling (individual and group), large group guidance, consultation, and coordination. They are also student advocates who work cooperatively with other individuals and organizations to promote the academic, career, and personal/social development of children and youth. School Counselors work on behalf of students and their families to insure that all school programs facilitate the educational process and offer the opportunity for school success for each student.

(Provided by the American School Counseling Association-ASCA)

CAREERS

Those with a Master’s degree:
- K-12 schools
  - Elementary, Middle, and High School Counselors
- University level
  - Student services, school administration, or in private practice

Those with a PhD:
- School administration
- Private practice

RESOURCES

For more information, please visit the following websites:

Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs
http://www.cacrep.org/

American School Counselor Association
https://www.schoolcounselor.org/

National Board for Certified Counselors
http://nbcc.org/