

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

**PROGRAM GUIDE**  
**M.S. in Counseling (School) [Pre K-12]**

The M.S. degree with an emphasis in School Counseling prepares candidates for professional careers as school counselors in Pre K-12 settings. Candidates interested in pursuing the M.S. degree in School Counseling are strongly encouraged to complete an undergraduate degree in education. Although two years of teaching experience was required for candidates planning to secure employment as school counselors in the state of Kansas in the past, that is no longer a requirement, but is still recommended. Candidates without a degree in education or teaching experience will be required to complete additional coursework not reflected on this program guide. In addition to completing the following 48 hour program of study in School Counseling, a passing score on the PRAXIS II specialty test; Professional School Counselor is needed as well.

Courses listed are in the recommended order they should be taken.

*Courses are offered every semester unless indicated otherwise.*

	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
PSYCH 745 Introduction to Counseling and Psychotherapy [ <i>spring only</i> ]	3
PSYCH 722 Fundamentals of Tests and Measurement [ <i>fall only</i> ]	3
PSYCH 810 Advanced Educational Psychology	3
PSYCH 816 Group Dynamics [ <i>fall &amp; spring</i> ]	3
PSYCH 848 Career Development [ <i>summer only</i> ]	3
PSYCH 818 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy [ <i>fall only</i> ]	3
PSYCH 819 Techniques of Counseling and Psychotherapy [ <i>summer &amp; spring</i> ]	3
PSYCH 814 Program Planning and Management in School Counseling [ <i>summer only</i> ]	2
PSYCH 826 Contemporary and Ethical Issues in School Counseling [ <i>summer only</i> ]	1
PSYCH 859 Advanced Developmental Psychology [ <i>fall &amp; summer</i> ]	3
PSYCH 817 Theories and Techniques of Family Counseling and Therapy [ <i>spring only</i> ]	3
PSYCH 844 Diversity Issues in Counseling [ <i>fall only</i> ]	3
SPED 861 The Professional Special Educator [ <i>spring only; on-line</i> ]	3
 <u>Choose one of the following:</u>	
PSYCH 891 Methods of Research in Psychology and Counseling [ <i>spring only</i> ] <u>or</u>	
TCHL 891 Methods of Research [ <i>spring only; on-line</i> ]	3
 <u>Choose one of the following:</u>	
PSYCH 803 Intellectual Assessment [ <i>spring only</i> ] <u>or</u>	
SPED 750 Educational Assessment [ <i>summer only; on-line</i> ]	3
 PSYCH 822 Practicum in School Counseling [ <i>fall &amp; spring</i> ]	 3
PSYCH 894 Internship in School Counseling [ <i>fall &amp; spring</i> ]	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</b>	<b>48</b>

**School Counselor Parallel Pathways/Direct Entry**  
**Additional Requirements**  
*(Effective Summer 2020)*

**NO TEACHING BACKGROUND:** Applicants applying to PSU's School Counseling program, who do not have a teaching background (either an education degree or teaching experience), will be required to complete the following additional coursework in addition to the 48 hour Master's degree in School Counseling:

- Psychology of Exceptional Children (PSYCH 781); Fall semester only= 3 hours

Choose ***ONE*** from the following:

- Classroom Management (SPED 745); Fall semester only/(TCHL 836); Summer session only= 3 hours

KSDE also requires documentation of 70 clock hours logged in schools over two semesters. Specific requirements regarding these hours will be made available to the candidates at the time the Program of Study is developed.