

**REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL SCHOOL SPECIALIST LICENSE
(READING SPECIALIST, LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST, SCHOOL COUNSELOR)**

- * Graduate degree
- * Completion of graduate-level school specialist program
- * 3.25 GPA on graduate coursework in program
- * Library Specialist and Reading Specialist need currently valid professional teaching license.
- * School Counselor needs currently valid professional teaching license or Parallel Pathways program.
- * Successful completion of assessment (5311-Library Media – cut score 153 or 5302-Reading Specialist– cut score 165 or 5421-Professional School Counselor-cut score 156)
- * One year of recent accredited experience or at least 8 semester credit hours of recent credit

**RENEWAL OF INITIAL SCHOOL
SPECIALIST LICENSE**

Within 5 years of the date the initial license was first issued, may apply for renewal of the initial license by submitting an application for renewal.

Does not apply for renewal within 5 years of the date the initial license was first issued, may renew by meeting initial requirements above, but assessments shall not have been taken more than 1 year before the date of application for initial license or may verify either 8 hours of recent credit or one year of recent experience or 120 PDC points.

**UPGRADE TO PROFESSIONAL
SCHOOL SPECIALIST LICENSE**

* Verification of successful completion of an approved school specialist performance assessment while employed in an accredited school.
* At least one year of recent accredited experience or at least 8 semester hours of recent credit.

Does not complete school specialist performance assessment during 4 years of accredited experience, must:
* complete minimum of 6 semester hours with 3.25+ GPA earned through FHSU and addressing deficiencies related to the performance assessment; AND
* complete an unpaid internship of at least 12 weeks

RECOMMENDATION: Apply for Initial School Specialist License when eligible. If don't meet requirements to upgrade to Professional License, don't renew the license until you do.