**Parallel Pathways program - 54 Hours** - Does not require that you have a teaching license. You must complete the traditional MS in School Counseling in addition to two 3-credit hour courses:

ALTC 804 Understanding

ALTC 805 Working with Diverse and Exceptional Learners

You may then apply for an Initial School Specialist License. To move to the Professional School Specialist license, **you must complete two full semesters of a supervised internship under the Initial School Counselor License while employed as a school counselor under the supervision of FHSU** in collaboration with the employing district.

**Obtaining a Professional School Counselor License – Parallel Pathways Program**

Each applicant for a professional school counselor license must meet the following requirements:

1. Verification of successful completion of a supervised internship year while the applicant is employed as a school counselor in a school accredited by the state board or by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the state board and while the applicant holds an initial school specialist license. The internship shall be for one full school year or two full semesters and shall be under the supervision of FHSU in collaboration with the hiring school district.

2. Verification of at least one year of recent accredited experience or at least eight semester hours of recent credit

3. An application for professional school counselor license

4. The application fee

5. Candidates completing the Parallel Pathways Program apply for a ‘Professional School Specialist License.’ This is **KSDE Form 19** ‘Upgrade to Professional School Specialist License’ available at <https://apps.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx>. Allow KSDE 4-6 weeks for processing the application by KSDE. Once processed, it can be printed from the KSDE License Lookup. <https://svapp15586.ksde.org/TLL/SearchLicense.aspx>.