**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

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 exper-ience or 120 PDC points.

**RENEWAL OF INITIAL SCHOOL SPECIALIST LICENSE**

\* Verification of successful completion of an approved school specialist performance assessment while employed in an accredited school. School Counselors that don’t hold teaching license, must complete supervised internship year as a school counselor.

\* At least one year of recent accredited experience or at least 8 semester hours of recent credit.

**UPGRADE TO PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL SPECIALIST LICENSE**

**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 field experiences consisting of two three-credit hour courses or at least 70 clock hours over two semesters.

\* Successful completion of assessment (5311-Library Media – cut score 153 or 5301-Reading Specialist– cut score 164 or 5421-Professional School Counselor-cut score 156)

\* One year of recent accredited experience or at least 8 semester credit hours of recent credit

**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.**