

9-13.7 Director of school counseling services

(a) The director of school counseling services endorsement authorizes the holder to serve as a director, administrator or supervisor of school counseling services, including the supervision of educational activities in areas related to and within the counseling program in grades preschool through 12.

(b) To be eligible for the standard educational services certificate with a director of school counseling services endorsement, a candidate shall hold a master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, hold a standard New Jersey school counselor certificate or an equivalent out-of-State certificate and complete three years of successful experience as a school counselor in grades preschool through 12. In addition, the candidate shall complete a graduate level course in each of the following required areas:

1. Administration: This group includes such courses as school law, organization and administration of elementary and secondary schools;
2. Staff supervision: This group includes such courses as supervision and evaluation of instructional staff and supervision of school counseling services; and
3. Curriculum development: This group includes such courses as principles of general curriculum development, elementary and secondary curriculum development, and extracurricular activities.

(c) An emergency certificate may be issued to a candidate who meets the following requirements:

1. A master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, a standard New Jersey school counselor certificate, and two years of experience as a school counselor in grades preschool through 12; and
2. A graduate course in staff supervision.

(d) Applicants in possession of a written evaluation completed by the Office prior to January 20, 2004 will have five years from January 20, 2004 to complete the requirements set forth in the written evaluation.

6A:9-13.8 School counselor

(a) The school counselor endorsement authorizes the holder to perform school counseling services such as study and assessment of individual pupils with respect to their status, abilities, interest and needs; counseling with administrators, teachers, students, and parents regarding personal, social, educational, and vocational plans and programs; and developing cooperative relationships with community agencies in assisting children and

families. The certificate holder is authorized to perform these duties in grades preschool through 12.

(b) To be eligible for the standard educational services certificate with a school counselor endorsement, a candidate must hold a master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and complete one of the following:

1. A Department-approved graduate curriculum in school counseling; or
2. A minimum of 48 graduate semester hour credits in the following areas:
 - i. Counseling: minimum of 18 semester hours that must include study in theory and procedures of individual and group counseling, counseling and interviewing techniques and career counseling;
 - ii. Testing and evaluation: minimum of three semester hours;
 - iii. Psychology: minimum of six semester hours in study related to child and adolescent psychology, psychology of exceptional children and psychology of learning;
 - iv. Sociological foundations: minimum of six semester hours that must include study in community agencies, organizations and resources and multicultural counseling;
 - v. Statistics and research methods: minimum of three semester-hour credits;
 - vii. Supervised counseling practicum in a school setting: minimum of six credits; and
 - viii. The remaining six semester hours of study may be chosen from among the topics listed in (b)2i through vii above or education.

(c) A candidate who has completed a master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university whose school counseling program meets the standards of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) will be issued a standard school counselor certificate.

(d) The Office may issue an emergency certificate upon the request of the county superintendent to a candidate who meets the following requirements:

1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
and

2. Fifteen graduate semester hour credits in guidance/counseling.

(e) Applicants in possession of a written evaluation completed by the Office prior to January 20, 2004 will have five years from January 20, 2004 to complete the requirements set forth in the written evaluation.