

5440-54 School Social Worker

The holder is authorized to provide school social work services to students and their families in grades PK-12.

In order to qualify for this endorsement, the candidate shall demonstrate the following:

Knowledge Standards:

Knowledge of the theories and stages of human growth and development, as well as knowledge of the nature of handicapping conditions

An understanding of each child in his or her family, school, and community context, and sensitivity to the variety of economic and cultural influences which affect each child's life

Knowledge of counseling theories and techniques for individuals, groups, and families, and other professional activities which enhance the facilitation of the affective domain and the learning process within a school setting

Knowledge of instructional theories, curriculum development, and program planning

Performance Standards:

The ability to apply skills and techniques of counseling and consultation with school personnel, parents, and the community to assess social, cognitive, and physical functioning toward the end of enhancing students' educational, career, and personal development

The ability to design and implement a program of preventive and development services with the school's instructional program, which assists students in decision making, self-discipline, communication, problem solving, and self-assessment

The ability to plan, implement, evaluate, and coordinate a support services plan which promotes the students' development and affects desired student outcomes

The ability to develop and maintain a student record-keeping system

Additional Requirements:

A Master's degree, in social work or the equivalent

A supervised internship experience (600 clock hours) in social work with a minimum of 60 hours of experience in school social work at **both** the elementary (PK-6) and middle/secondary (7-12) levels, under the supervision of a licensed school social worker