School Counseling Chapter 354 Requirements

Chapter 354 Requirements for those seeking Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Educational Specialist Certification as a School Counselor:

1) Grade Point Average Requirements:

Chapter 354 regulations require that all Masters level candidates have either an overall GPA of 3.0 or a GPA of 3.0 in the last 48 credits of graduate level academic work.

2) Requirements for those who DO hold a valid Pennsylvania Department of Education School Certification (i.e. Teacher Certification):

Successful completion of Praxis II Test in School Counseling (taken near the end of the program)

Requirements for those who DO NOT hold a valid Pennsylvania Department of Education School Certification.

Successful completion of the PAPA (Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment), which covers knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and mathematics (taken at any point during the program, although preferably in the first year)

AND

Successful completion of Praxis II Test in School Counseling (taken near the end of the program)