Secondary Education

Student Handbook

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“Creating a Legacy of Learning”

Educator Preparation Provider
K-12 and 9-12 Teacher Certification Program
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Dear Student:

Welcome to Missouri State University where our many teacher education programs strive to “create a legacy of learning” by providing the highest quality teaching, research and service to our students and community. No other Missouri institution has a longer history of preparing teachers. In fact, since 1905 Missouri State University has trained teachers who, in addition to contributing to the education of countless students, have often played an essential role in mentoring the next generation of teachers. As this cycle has continued, Missouri State has established a proud tradition as a leader in teacher preparation and support.

Along with all of the programs in the College of Education, the secondary education programs and K-12 programs are joined together in the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP). The EPP is a community comprised of candidates, graduates, faculty, staff and administrators from a variety of departments and colleges across the University. In addition to teaching most of the professional education classes, the EPP faculty provides advising and mentoring. They also often supervise clinical and field experiences. Secondary education majors are advised and plan their programs of study through their respective major area departments. Additional support services are available to every student. These include: 1) the monitoring of program requirements by Karen Engler, Director of Secondary Education; 2) the monitoring of clinical experience requirements by the appropriate department head for each student’s major; 3) student teaching and field placement assignments coordinated by our placement coordinator; and 4) the advisement of post-baccalaureate students and related certification issues coordinated by the Student Services office.

We look forward to working with you in your academic endeavor and we encourage you to develop meaningful partnerships with your advisors and instructors. Together we will strive to help you develop the knowledge, abilities, skills and dispositions you will need to excel in the classroom. Again, welcome to Missouri State University.

Sincerely,

Chris Craig

Christopher J. Craig, Deputy Provost
Head of the EPP
Declaration of University Community Principles

Preamble

Community, civility, and the search for knowledge and truth are the essence of University Life. A community is a group of people who hold something fundamental in common. A University is a community whose common purpose is the creation, preservation, and sharing of knowledge and understanding. The search for knowledge and truth requires a rational discourse. This in turn requires honesty and civility. Civility springs from the concept of respecting the rights of individuals. The community helps to protect the rights of the individual. Thus the community promotes the civility necessary to engage in the pursuit of truth. The three are thus connected.

The primary participants of this community are administrators, students, faculty, and staff, who themselves come from a variety of external communities. Before becoming a part of the community of scholars that is Missouri State University, whether as a member of the student body, faculty, administration, or staff, one should understand the full nature of that choice. The community derives its strength from each individual. Each individual derives strength from his/her association with the community. The individual must sustain the community in order for the community to protect and sustain the individual. In order for this interaction to take place, the principles stated in this document must be the foundation for the community of scholars. Behaving civilly implies acting in a manner consistent with these principles and encouraging these behaviors in others. Adherence to the principles is voluntary and cannot be compelled. Choosing to accept the direction of the principles strengthens both the individual and the community, but only when the choice is not forced. Discovering the natural benefit of these principles is a virtue. These principles are of little use in themselves; they must be practiced.

Principles

The community of scholars that is Missouri State University is committed to developing educated persons. It is believed that educated persons will accept responsibility to act in accordance with the following principles:

- Being open minded to embrace the benefits and richness that diversity and inclusiveness bring to the community of scholars and to recognize them as catalysts for educational excellence.

- Practicing personal and academic integrity. Being a full participant in the educational process, and respecting the right of all to contribute to the "Marketplace of Ideas."

- Treating all persons with civility, while understanding that tolerating an idea is not the same as supporting it. Being a steward of the shared resources of the community of scholars.

Choosing to accept these principles suggests that each participant of the community refrains from and discourages behavior that threatens the freedom and respect each member deserves.

For more information go to http://www.missouristate.edu/about/declaration.htm
Missouri State University was granted a statewide mission in public affairs in 1995 when Senate Bill 340 was signed into law. The public affairs mission defines a primary way in which an education from Missouri State is different from that of other universities and one way by which we educate our students to imagine the future. For more information about Missouri State University’s commitment to Public Affairs, go to http://publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/

THREE PILLARS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The public affairs mission has three pillars: ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement.

Ethical leadership

**Goal:** Students will articulate their value systems, act ethically within the context of a democratic society and demonstrate engaged and principled leadership. (Adapted from the Center for Ethical Leadership)

Missouri State is preparing students for the future by helping them understand the ethical dimensions of leadership and take what they learn in the classrooms and use it to help solve problems and bring about change.

Cultural competence

**Goal:** Students will recognize and respect multiple perspectives and cultures.

Missouri State works to build up students’ cultural knowledge in several ways. Through study abroad programs, interaction with international students and the opportunity to study different languages, histories and religions, students broaden their horizons, help build relationships and bring about better competition for the future.

Community engagement

**Goal:** Students will recognize the importance of contributing their knowledge and experiences to their own community and the broader society.

**Goal:** Students will recognize the importance of scientific principles in the generation of sound public policy.

Community engagement lets students branch out and see how the world is working through a different lens, giving them the opportunity to work with their communities and build up their ability to lead in their careers.
The Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) at Missouri State University is a community comprised of candidates, graduates, faculty members, staff and administrators from a variety of departments and colleges across the University, as well as our school and community partners in Southwest Missouri. Professional education candidates and graduates are those persons who are enrolled in or have graduated from initial (undergraduate) or advanced (graduate) professional education programs in teacher education, communication sciences, counseling, or educational administration and leadership. Professional education faculty and staff, from all colleges in the university, are those who teach courses taken by candidates in professional education programs, and provide advising, mentoring, and supervision of clinical and field experiences. Our partners include those in schools and community agencies in which our candidates observe and practice their developing skills under professional supervision and mentoring, from admission, through their first three years of professional practice. With the contributions of faculty who teach liberal arts and general education courses, we are convinced that at Missouri State, “education is everyone’s business.”

The Educator Preparation Provider Council (EPPC) is the representative body to the Faculty Senate that defines professional education policies and procedures that ensure quality professional education programs at the institution. The primary purpose of the PEC is to review courses and programs and to define those policies and procedures that ensure professional education programs at Missouri State University meet state and national guidelines for preparing qualified school personnel. The PEC represents the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) as a governing body. Missouri State is organized such that professional education programs are offered in each of the six academic colleges. The EPP was established to encompass all professional education certification programs across the various colleges.
The Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) at Missouri State University is made up of all faculty, staff, and administrators who: (1) teach one or more EPP courses, (2) advise or supervise professional educational students, or (3) administer professional education departments/schools or colleges. Members of the Educator Preparation Provider come from many departments and all colleges across the campus.

Our partners include those in schools and community agencies in which our candidates observe and practice their developing skills under professional supervision and mentoring, from admission through their first three years of professional practice. With the contributions of faculty who teach liberal arts and general education courses, we are convinced that at Missouri State, education is everyone’s business.

At Missouri State University, we believe that education is essential across all levels of society. Our mission and purpose is to develop the specialized competencies and skills to facilitate, promote, and enhance, with compassion and fairness, the learning and development of all persons. All education programs foster a legacy of learning and adhere to Missouri State’s public affairs mission that promotes ethical leadership, cultural competence, and community engagement.

The Missouri State professional education community believes that effective professional education programs are based on shared beliefs and values about schools, learning, and education that guide program development and instruction in knowledge, skills, and professionalism. The various content and specialty areas interpret and apply these guiding principles in accordance with their unique, specialized professional knowledge bases and standards. These guiding principles include foundations, content expertise, pedagogy, holism, experience, assessment/reflection, dispositions, research/inquiry, and collaboration/leadership that are common to all professional education programs. The underlying assumption of these guiding principles is that all members of the professional education community incorporate and demonstrate the principles of diversity and social justice throughout their programs.
Knowledge (GP 1)

1a. **Foundations**: knowledge of the historical, cultural, political, technological and community contexts of education and the development of the professional and foundational issues and arguments underlying its practices, as well as an understanding of the importance of integrated learning across disciplines. (*Diversity Proficiency 1*)

1b **Content Expertise**: strong knowledge of subject matter discipline content and understanding the important ideas in the subject area domain and the influences that knowledge has on pedagogical orientations, teaching decisions, and teaching acts. (*Diversity Proficiency 3*)

1c. **Pedagogy**: knowledge of human development, motivation, and the theories of learning and assessment, as well as the understanding of the skills, techniques, and strategies that enhance learning for all students including those from diverse cultural, racial, and economic backgrounds, varying abilities, and historically underrepresented groups. (*Diversity Proficiency 1-6*)

**CAEP Standards 1, 3, 4**

Skills (GP 2)

2a. **Holism**: affirm diversity and understanding of the “whole child” within the classroom, school, educational system, family, community and cultural context; awareness of challenges and requirements of a democratic society; and knowledge and sensitivity to issues such as equity and human diversity. (*Diversity Proficiency 1-6*)

2b. **Experience**: apply theory to practice, understand how pedagogical theories impact teaching practices that serve as a foundation for the development and expansion of existing and emerging theories, and continually renew skills and knowledge within one’s discipline. (*Diversity Proficiency 3*)

2c. **Assessment/Reflection**: conduct valid and reliable assessment to improve student learning, engage in self-appraisal, and use feedback from students, supervisors, mentors, and peers to improve practice and employ skills crucial to reflective decision-making and systematic inquiry. (*Diversity Proficiency 5-6*)

**CAEP Standard 2**
Professionalism (GP 3)

3a. Dispositions: awareness of self as a professional educator passionate about teaching, intellectually curious, and demonstrating intellectual, social, and ethical attributes that contribute to the learning and development of all learners in all professional settings. (Diversity Proficiency 1-6)

3b. Research/Inquiry: use of current research, systematic inquiry approaches, and technology in pursuit of best educative practices, lifelong learning, and professional development in order to help all learners succeed. (Diversity Proficiency 3, 5)

3c. Collaboration/Leadership: the ability and skills to initiate and maintain empowering relationships with colleagues, school personnel, parents, family members, and the community and are prepared to assume leadership roles. (Diversity Proficiency 2)

CAEP Standard 2, 4, 5

The guiding principles found in this document have been derived, in part, from documents that guide our shared vision for the EPPU and the assessment of our candidates. These include: 1) our original Conceptual Framework document which delineates our vision, our mission, our beliefs, and our general learning outcomes, and 2) our current Diversity Proficiencies which have been developed and approved by the EPP Council based on recommendations from both the EPP Diversity and Provost Assessment committee. The original Conceptual Framework and General Learning Outcomes are archived in the EPPC websites.

The EPP functions as the body of more than 40 undergraduate and graduate professional education programs across campus that, through a representative governance process, proposes, discusses and establishes education program curriculum and related implementation policies and procedures of interest to the unit and in compliance with all DESE and CAEP mandates (Standards 1-5) impacting professional education programs at Missouri State University.

Adopted by EPPC February 17, 2016
Missouri State University’s distinguishing public affairs mission is a commitment to all students to foster expertise and responsibility in ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement. The Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) embraces the public affairs mission for candidates in all initial and advanced education programs. All candidates are expected to be ethical leaders as well as embrace community engagement as professional educators. Candidates who develop the following proficiencies will be culturally competent, able to continue to grow as their students become more diverse, and, specifically, will have an inclusive and safe learning environment.

Proficiencies are the skills to demonstrate awareness, understanding and sensitive application. The term “diverse learners” refers to ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, gender, exceptionalities, language, religion, sexual orientation, and geographical area as found in the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) definition of diversity.

Candidates should demonstrate diversity proficiency in the following areas:

**DP 1. Awareness:** demonstrates understanding of neutral language, activities, and gestures sensitive to diverse learners, based on historical perspectives and contemporary knowledge

**DP 2. Communication:** demonstrates verbal and nonverbal techniques useful for interacting with diverse learners, school personnel, families, and community members

**DP 3. Curriculum and Instruction:** demonstrates development and use of unbiased learning outcomes and instructional strategies designed to facilitate student growth for all diverse learners including differentiated instruction

**DP 4. Resources:** demonstrates identification and utilization of professional, school, and community resources and information to enhance the learning process for all diverse learners as well as meet the needs of their families

**DP 5. Respect:** demonstrates acceptance and appreciation of diverse learners of varied backgrounds, ideas, and perspectives for an inclusive environment

**DP 6. Social Justice:** demonstrates the ability to recognize and address in self and others issues of equality, human rights, socio-economic status; including bias, discrimination, and aggression to prevent and reduce oppression, including aggression, bullying, harassment, and intimidation

EPP candidates who exercise these proficiencies will offer an inclusive and safe learning environment, be culturally competent and will continue to grow as their students become more diverse.
WHO?
Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Do you seek new experiences? Are you someone that learns better by applying what you’re learning to ‘real world’ situations? If you answered yes, then you may be an ideal candidate for service-learning!

WHAT?
Service-learning describes a method of teaching whereby students apply academic theory to real world situations in a way that benefits the community. Its primary goal is to encourage you, the student, to grow as a citizen and to become connected to your community by contributing to society in a tangible way.

Service-learning is an opportunity for you to become an active, responsible citizen while engaging in meaningful service relevant to your current studies. Credit is not given for the service activity but for the learning demonstrated to your professor and the community.

The two options of service-learning are the Component course and the Integrated Service-Learning (ISL) course. The service-learning Component course is a one-hour arranged class that requires 40 hours of service with a nonprofit or government agency (similar to a ‘mini internship’). The Integrated Service-Learning course is part of a traditional course and is designed to include all students in the class. All students in an ISL class are required to participate in a minimum of 15 hours of service to the community. The service-learning designation is noted on your transcript for both options.

WHY?
Missouri State University is dedicated to the mission of developing educated citizens. By participating in service-learning, students:

- Strengthen their knowledge of the community
- Increase learning of course content (not just theory)
- Become actively engaged as citizens
- Gain valuable experience
- Develop important contacts, which can lead to internships or jobs
- Build strong resumes
- Create worthwhile partnerships
- Confirm or redirect career choices

For a complete listing of service-learning Component and Integrated service-learning courses and to learn more about Citizenship and Service-learning, contact us at:

Plaster Student Union, Room 131, 417-836-5774
Email: servicelearning@missouristate.edu    Website: http://www.missouristate.edu/casl/
Requirements for Teacher Education

**Students must meet with academic advisors and discipline specific program coordinators to determine specific certification and content area requirements**
Requirements for K-12 and Secondary Teacher Education Programs

The professional education programs have received continuing accreditation by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for teacher preparation and certification. Admission to the University does not automatically qualify a student to participate in the professional component of the teacher education program. A high level of academic and professional competence is required for admission to and continuation in the teacher education program. Completion of the program is designed to lead to certification to teach in Missouri public schools.

Post-baccalaureate teacher certification
Students who have already obtained a bachelor's degree and are seeking Missouri state teacher certification should contact the Teacher Certification Office, Hill Hall, room 200, 417-836-8772. This office provides a program evaluation service for initial certificates ($25 fee required), advisement and assistance to gain certification and/or additional endorsements.

Diversity component
Diversity coursework is required through professional and program-specific courses. Students must consult with the program or department of major for specific program requirements that may meet this diversity component.

Professional liability
All candidates for professional education programs at Missouri State University are required to have professional liability insurance coverage before being placed in the initial practicum, and/or subsequent clinical and field experiences. Professional liability insurance may be obtained at a minimal cost through a personal insurance carrier or through one of many available professional student organizations that provide insurance as part of their membership package. The proof of coverage must accompany all other required documentation prior to placement. No exceptions may be granted.

Transition points
All students pursuing Missouri certification are required to meet a series of Transition Points that will be assessed, evaluated, and monitored throughout the teacher education program with assistance and guidance from faculty. There are five distinct Transition Points students meet from entry to their education program to follow up post graduate training.

Transfer credit
To apply transfer credit in educational methods courses to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Music Education, or Bachelor of Science – Modern Language with an option in Teacher Certification, a student enrolled at Missouri State should contact their academic advisor for assistance.

Certification eligibility requirements
Completion of certification requirements is a four-step process. Students who receive a certification recommendation must meet the standards for certification eligibility as outlined below:

Requirements for Eligibility to Enroll in Professional Education Courses: Before a student can enroll in the introductory methods courses (ECE 304, ELE 302, KIN 200, MUS 200, SEC 302, or SPE 310), the student must have:

1. A combined (Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 2.50 or higher.
2. Meet with academic advisor to determine whether completion of EDC 150 transfer section is required. Note: For Agriculture Education, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Music Education, Physical Education, and Special Education majors, competency is covered in major requirements.
3. Family Care Safety Registry report on file prior to any clinical experience placement. Contact College of Education Student Services Office, 200 Hill Hall. A small fee is charged for this report.

Requirements for Admission to and Continuance in the Teacher Education Program: Students who plan to complete teacher certification requirements must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program. Eligibility is automatically monitored when enrolling in EDC 150 transfer section, ECE 304, ELE 302, KIN 200, MUS 200, SEC 302, or SPE 310. Admission to the Program is required before students are allowed to begin additional courses in the professional education component (with the exception of EDT 365 which may be taken concurrently with EDC 345, ELE 302, SEC 302, or SPE 310).

The criteria used to determine admission to the Teacher Education Program are outlined below. In addition to having completed at least 45 semester hours (secondary and middle school majors) or 30 semester hours (early childhood, elementary, and special education majors) of university coursework, the student must have:

1. Earned a combined (both Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 2.75 or higher. A major (certificate subject area) GPA of 2.75 or higher is also required for students in History (Social Science), and a major (certificate subject area) GPA of 3.00 and passing score on the piano proficiency exam are also required for all students in Music education.
2. Earned a passing score on all four sub-tests of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA) examination and completed the Missouri Educator Profile (MEP). Refer to the MoGEA website for details.
3. Earned a grade of “C” or higher in COM 115.
4. Purchased a subscription to Taskstream (comprehensive portfolio system).
5. Completed ECE 304, ELE 302, KIN 200, MUS 200, SEC 302, or SPE 310, with a grade of “C” or higher. Note: A grade of "B" or higher is required in ELE 302 or transfer equivalent for Elementary Education majors.
6. Registration with the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR).
7. Completed Disposition Checklist and Student Contract.

Upon completion of the above requirements, a student’s record is reviewed and submitted to the Educator Preparation Provider Council (EPPC) for admission to Teacher Education. A student’s qualifications for continuance in the Teacher Education Program is subject to review and change by the EPPC at any time while the student is enrolled. Students should check with their advisor or department head for any additional program specific requirements.

Requirements for Assignment to Supervised Teaching (effective fall 2017 and after): Successful completion of supervised teaching is a requirement for teacher certification. The criteria used to determine eligibility for Supervised Teaching are outlined below. The student must have:

1. Been admitted to the Teacher Education Program and completed Transition Point #1 and Transition Point #2.
2. Current and valid TB skin test.
4. Current and valid Family Care and Safety Registry (FCSR) and FBI Background checks.
5. A combined (both Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 2.75 or higher for all college level coursework completed.
6. Completed at least 15 hours at Missouri State.
7. Completed all courses in the major (certificate subject area) with a combined (both Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 3.00 or higher.
8. Completed all Professional Education courses with a grade of "C" or higher (Elementary Education majors are required to have a grade of “B” or higher).
9. Been recommended by the student’s advisor. The recommendation shall be based upon the applicant’s character, personality, and potential for teaching.
10. Been recommended by the department in which the student is completing an undergraduate major or seeking certification. For those students completing a degree which involves significant work in more than one department (i.e., Speech and Theatre Education) the departmental recommendation will come from the department in which the greatest number of hours is completed. For those students who have already completed a degree, the departmental recommendation will come from the department which would normally provide the majority of the course work for that certification.

Additional supplemental course fees are assessed for Supervised Teaching.

Requirements for Certification Recommendation (effective fall 2017 and after): To be recommended for an initial Missouri teaching certification, the student must have:

1. Successfully completed Supervised Teaching
2. Met all Missouri teacher certification requirements which are in effect at time of certification. These requirements are normally met by persons earning the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Music Education, or Bachelor of Science – Modern Language with an option in Teacher Certification.
3. A combined (Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 2.75 or higher.
4. Completed all Professional Education courses with a combined (Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 3.00 or higher and no grade lower than “C” (Elementary Education majors require no grade lower than “B”).
5. A combined (Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 3.00 or higher in the major (certificate subject area) and for each additional area of endorsement.
6. Successful completion of the Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) as established by the Missouri Board of Education. Refer to the MEGA website for details.
7. Completed Transition Point #3.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will require a current and valid FBI background check prior to issuing a certificate.

Secondary Education
(Certifiable grades 9-12 and K-12)

All students must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program and to Supervised Teaching. Refer to procedures stated above.

In order to meet Missouri state teacher certification requirements, candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Music Education, or Bachelor of Science – Modern Languages with an option in Teacher Certification are required to meet the following GPA requirements. All GPA requirements include both Missouri State and transfer grades.

1. at least a 2.75 GPA on all course work attempted at all colleges attended
2. at least a 3.00 GPA in the major (certificate subject area) which includes all courses listed under C below
3. at least a 3.00 GPA in any additional certificate subject area
4. at least a 3.00 GPA in the Professional Education courses and no grade lower than “C” in all Professional Education courses

Additional State Board of Education certification rules require successful completion of the Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) as established by the Missouri Board of Education. Refer to the MEGA website for details.

The curriculum for secondary (9-12 and K-12) teaching leads to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Music Education, or Bachelor of Science – Modern Languages with an option in Teacher Certification and carries with it an Initial Professional Certificate (IPC) to teach in the state of Missouri.

A. General Education Requirements - see “General Education Program” section of catalog (45-49 hours)

B. Specific major requirements may also meet General Education Requirements. See the content discipline department for course listing. Students must also satisfy the following requirements which may be met through General Education coursework.

1. Prerequisite for Professional Education courses is PSY 121.
2. International students must provide documentation of completion of coursework in the following:
   a. English Composition, two (2) courses, each a minimum of two (2) semester hours;
   b. U.S. History, three (3) semester hours; and
   c. U.S. Government, three (3) semester hours
3. Admission to the Teacher Education Program requires completion of COM 115 with a grade of “C” or higher.

C. Complete a subject area major not less than 30 hours or a comprehensive major of not less than 50 hours. See discipline department for major requirements. Although not required, minors must be no less than 15 hours. Note: Students who wish to be certified in an additional area of certification should check the state and departmental requirements in that area.

D. Professional Education Courses (Music Education and Physical Education majors must refer to the department section of the catalog for admission to Teacher Education Program and degree requirements.) The program outlined below has been designed to prepare teachers and to meet the requirements for Missouri state teacher certification. Note: A grade of “C” or higher is required in each course.

1. Required Core (25-35 hours):
   a. SEC 302(3) General Methods of Instruction in the Middle and Secondary Schools. Note: Music Education majors satisfy this requirement by completion of MUS 200(3); Physical Education majors satisfy this requirement by completion of KIN 200(3).
   b. PSY 360(3) Educational Psychology
   c. EDC 345(3) Introduction to Multicultural Education and Diversity
   d. SPE 340(2) Educational Alternative for Exceptional Students. Note: Music Education majors satisfy this requirement by completion of MUS 340(2); Physical Education majors satisfy this requirement by completion of KIN 468(4).
   e. RDG 474(3) Reading and Writing in the Content Fields
   f. RDG 574(3) Analysis and Correction of Difficulties in Literacy. Note: B-12 and K-12 (Art and Design, Family and Consumer Sciences, Music, Physical Education and Modern Language) majors are not required to complete this course.
g. Teaching Methods Course (3-4). Courses are specified within the Professional Education section of the major requirements. Note: A teaching methods course is required for each area of certification.

h. Supervised Teaching (8-12). Courses are specified within the Professional Education section of the major requirements.

2. Additional required competencies or equivalent course(s) required for major

a. EDC 150(0) Introduction to Teaching. EDC 150 is required for students who completed a beginning teaching methods/field experience course at another institution and who wish to apply course credit toward completion of the SEC 302 requirement. Note: Agriculture Education, Music Education, and Physical Education majors cover competencies in major requirements.

b. EDC 350(3) School and Society. Note: Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Music Education, and Physical Education majors cover competencies in major requirements.


d. SFR 486(3) Management and Assessment in the Middle and Secondary Classroom. Note: Agriculture Education, English Education, Mathematics Education, Music Education, Physical Education, and all Science Education majors cover competencies in major requirements.

E. Most programs leading to teacher certification require more than the University minimum of 125 hours for graduation. It is the student’s responsibility to meet all degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Education-Secondary in specific subject area major areas. Refer to the program requirements for each major.

F. General Baccalaureate Degree Requirements - see “General Baccalaureate Degree Requirements” section of catalog.
Secondary and K-12 Education Programs at Missouri State

The curriculum for secondary teaching leads to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED) and carries with it an initial professional certificate to teach in the state of Missouri. The program is approved by the Missouri State Board of Education.

Students participate in intensive studies, activities and clinical experiences which provide them with a broad general education, extensive professional preparation and practical familiarity with schools and secondary students.

Most graduates of the program become teachers and the great majority of those who seek a teaching position are placed. There are also many other opportunities in areas including government, private agencies and business fields such as human resources, consulting, publishing, technical writing, sales and customer services.

BSED degrees are offered through the college of the discipline being studied. Students are advised through the home department and are supported by the Directory of Secondary Education and the College of Education.

BSED in Secondary Education certification areas include:

- Agriculture Education
- Art and Design Education
- Biology Education
- Earth Science Education
- English Education
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- History Education (Social Science)
- Mathematics Education
- Modern Languages (Teacher Certification)
- French, German, Latin, Spanish
- Music-Instrumental Education
- Music-Vocal/Choral Education
- Physical Education
- Physics Education
- Speech/Theatre Education (Communication)
- Speech/Theatre Education (Theatre&Dance)

Additional Certifications: Drivers Education, Health, TESOL

For additional information, please visit the Secondary Education website at http://education.missouristate.edu/secondary/ or contact:
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Effective advisement is a partnership between you and your advisor! Plan together, ask questions, check prerequisites and program requirements, prepare a class schedule in advance, take notes during your appointment, and see your advisor regularly. Program worksheets are an important tool and help you proceed through the program successfully. When you meet with your advisor your individual worksheet will be updated each semester with a current audit. Your audit can be accessed through “My Missouri State.”

To register for the new semester, all students with 75 hours or less must schedule an appointment with an advisor to be electronically released for on-line registration. Students who have a “hold” on their record must meet with an advisor and complete a “Student Temporary Clearance to Register” form. It is recommended that all students meet with an advisor at least once each semester.

There are prerequisites for enrollment in professional education courses, methods courses, and student teaching. The BANNER system enforces prerequisites at the time of registration; however, due to the logistics of the admission to Teacher Education process, prerequisite overrides may be allowed in consultation with your advisor with the full understanding that all requirements MUST be met when classes begin. The pre-registration period begins the month of November for the upcoming spring semester and the month of April for summer and fall semesters.

The pre-registration sequence is accessible through the “My Missouri State” website: 
www.missouristate.edu/registrar/registration.htm

Remember the new “Trial Schedule Builder”---access the video at: 
MSU College Scheduler
General Education and Major Requirements

- Review of a current degree audit in consultation with a departmental academic advisor each semester is imperative. Certification requirements are subject to change. Effective advisement helps students proceed successfully through their program of study.

- To register for the next semester, all students with less than 75 hours must have online release by an advisor. However, it is recommended that all students meet with an advisor each semester.

- General Education requirements prior to Summer 2014 are found at http://www.missouristate.edu/assets/gened/GeneralEducationWorksheet.pdf; general education requirements required beginning Fall 2014 are found at http://www.missouristate.edu/assets/generateducation/GenEdWorksheet_New.pdf. Consult with your academic advisor to insure that you are following the proper general education sequence.

- There are program specific prerequisites for enrollment in MUS 200, KIN 200, SEC 302, PSY 360, EDC 345, EDC 350, EDT 365, SPE 340, RDG 474, SFR/PSY 486, departmental teaching methods courses, and professional education courses offered through the Music and Kinesiology departments. Program prerequisites are strictly enforced and students are notified and administratively dropped if all prerequisites are not met.

- Admission to Teacher Education is required for KIN 411, 431, 440, 468, 493, 496 and 575.

- Admission to Teacher Education is required for MUS 340, 410, 411, 430, 488, 494 and 496.

- Admission to Teacher Education is required for EDC 350, SPE 340, PSY 486, RDG 474, departmental teaching methods courses and supervised student teaching.

- Make an appointment well in advance with your secondary education departmental academic advisor. The registration process begins well before a new semester. Log into My Missouri State and select the Academics tab to review class schedule offerings and to access the registration system. The Trial Schedule Builder can also be found under the Academics tab.
SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
Bachelor of Science in Education  
Suggested Course Sequencing - Example only!

Students must see their departmental academic advisor for specific program requirements

(All statements in this document concerning requirements, prerequisites, conditions or other matters are for informational purposes and subject to change. Effective academic advisement is a partnership, with advisees sharing in the responsibility.)

COM 115 and PSY 121 are prerequisites for advanced courses and should be completed during the freshman year

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Student must register for student teaching under their departmental major code

Prerequisites to meet before you can enroll in SEC 302 (or equivalent) – 45 hrs completed, combined GPA 2.5, have major GPA of 2.5 or higher (major GPA of 2.75 minimum for Social Studies), pre-professional liability insurance, and EDC 150 passed or concurrent enrollment or equivalent competencies.

To take education courses beyond SEC 302 you must be admitted to the Teacher Education program (Exceptions are EDC 345, PSY 360 and EDT 365). To be admitted to the Teacher Education program you must have completed COM 115 and SEC 302 (or equivalent) with a C or higher, passed EDC 150, passed all sections of the MoGEA exam, and have a current background check on file. GPA requirements include:

- Students with MSU or transfer credit prior to fall 2013: 2.50 combined GPA and 2.50 content (major) GPA Exception: HST majors -- 2.75 content (major)
- Students without university credit prior to fall 2013: 2.75 combined GPA

The total hours listed above differ for secondary majors. If you wish to complete the program in EIGHT semesters you may need to take a heavier load than what is suggested or take some courses during the summer semesters. See your departmental advisor for help with planning your program.

PLS 101 courses taken at out of state or private universities may not have included Missouri Constitution. This will be indicated by NM (not met) on transfer student’s audits. In this case, PLS 103 is required.

** Some majors require a specific major GPA for admission to the Teacher Education Program. Students should meet with academic advisors and discipline specific program coordinators to determine specific major GPA requirements.
Professional Education Courses
Prerequisite Requirements

Students Must Receive a “C” or Better in all Professional Education Course Work

EDC 150 - Recommended for students to take after completing approximately 30 hours and may be taken concurrently with SEC 302, if student has completed 45 hours and meets the SEC 302 pre-requisite requirements. Pass/fail course.

AGE 318 - Agriculture education majors take this course in place of EDC150

MUS 148 - Music education majors take this course in place of EDC150

SEC 302 - EDC 150, AGE 318; 45 hours; and 2.50 Overall GPA

EDC 345 - Required for all student declaring a professional education majors fall 2013 and after

EDT 365 - Computers for Learning Requirement completed; SEC 302; and 2.50 overall GPA

PSY 360 - PSY 121

EDC 350 - PSY 360 or concurrent enrollment; Admitted to the Teacher Education Program

SPE 340 - Admitted to the Teacher Education Program

RDG 474 - Admitted to the Teacher Education Program

PSY 486 or SFR 486 - PSY 360; Admitted to the Teacher Education Program

Subject Specific Teaching Methods for Secondary Education Programs - Admitted to the Teacher Education Program as well as pre-requisite requirements stipulated by the individual secondary education program. Subject area methods courses are: ART 401, AGT 416, AGE 558, BSE 503, FCS 512, COM 417, ENG 405, HST 418, MTH 409, MCL 413, SCI 414, THE 417

Student Teaching Courses - See Undergraduate Catalog for Overall Student Teaching Requirements and Special Departmental Requirements for Student Teaching

Music - Professional Education Courses: MUS 148, MUS 200 (MoGEA attempted, GPA 2.50 and Portfolio Checkpoint #1 completed), and the following MUS courses require a student to be admitted to the teacher education program as a prerequisite MUS 340, 430, 410, 411, 488, 494 and 496

Physical Education — Professional Education Courses—KIN 200 (MoGEA attempted, GPA 2.50) and the following KIN courses require a student to be admitted to the teacher education program as a prerequisite KIN 411, 431, 440, 468, 575, 493 and 496

Individual departments may have additional education courses listed in their major course offerings. Consult with your academic advisor for additional information.
Admission to Teacher Education

B. Requirements for Admission to and Continuance in the Teacher Education Program: Students who plan to complete teacher certification requirements must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program. Eligibility is automatically monitored when enrolling in EDC 150 transfer section, ECE 304, ELE 302, KIN 200, MUS 200, SEC 302, or SPE 310. Admission to the Program is required before students are allowed to begin additional courses in the professional education component (with the exception of EDT 365 which may be taken concurrently with EDC 345, ELE 302, SEC 302, or SPE 310).

The criteria used to determine admission to the Teacher Education Program are outlined below. In addition to having completed at least 45 semester hours (secondary and middle school majors) or 30 semester hours (early childhood, elementary, and special education majors) of university coursework, the student must have:

1. Earned a combined (both Missouri State and transfer) GPA of 2.75 or higher. A major (certificate subject area) GPA of 2.75 or higher is also required for students in History (Social Science), and a major (certificate subject area) GPA of 3.00 and passing score on the piano proficiency exam are also required for all students in Music education.

2. Earned a passing score on all four sub-tests of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA) examination and completed the Missouri Educator Profile (MEP). Refer to the MoGEA website for details.

3. Earned a grade of “C” or higher in COM 115.

4. Purchased a subscription to Taskstream (comprehensive portfolio system).

5. Completed ECE 304, ELE 302, KIN 200, MUS 200, SEC 302, or SPE 310, with a grade of “C” or higher. Note: A grade of "B" or higher is required in ELE 302 or transfer equivalent for Elementary Education majors.

6. Registration with the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR).

7. Completed Disposition Checklist and Student Contract.

Upon completion of the above requirements, a student’s record is reviewed and submitted to the Educator Preparation Provider Council (EPPC) for admission to Teacher Education. A student’s qualifications for continuance in the Teacher Education Program is subject to review and change by the EPPC at any time while the student is enrolled. Students should check with their advisor or department head for any additional program specific requirements.
Taskstream Subscription

All incoming students in the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) programs are required to purchase a three-year Taskstream subscription. Taskstream is a comprehensive portfolio and data management system that provides an organized means for collecting student work and reflections, and assessing that work using rubrics aligned with established learning outcomes, standards, and competencies. By the completion of a student’s program, the student will have a comprehensive portfolio to show potential employers his/her accomplishments. Although you are new Taskstream subscribers, we have pre-loaded your name and M# into Taskstream. Thus, you will be ‘renewing’ your account by purchasing a subscription. Detailed instructions on how to purchase the product, login to Taskstream, and navigate the system can be found at the following link: http://www.missouristate.edu/epp/accreditation/226293.htm.

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR SUBSCRIPTION:

IMPORTANT NOTE: if you purchase the card from the bookstore, *DO NOT* follow the instructions on the card—use the instructions below instead.

1. Login to your my.missouristate.edu portal
2. Click on the ‘Academics’ tab toward the top of the page
3. Click on the ‘My Taskstream’ link on the left-hand side of the page
4. The page that loads will present you with an End User License Agreement (EULA); click the ‘I Accept’ button in the lower right hand corner of the agreement
5. When you are asked what type of purchase to make, select the radio button next to RENEW. Do NOT create a new Taskstream account, because we have already pre-loaded your account and a duplicate would be created. You should purchasing an account RENEWAL.
6. Now you can walk through the steps to purchase a three-year subscription renewal from Taskstream using a credit card for $91.00, OR you can enter the key code from the Taskstream subscription card that you purchased through the bookstore—the bookstore subscription card is $95.00, but you can use financial aid to purchase it (if you purchase the card from the bookstore, *DO NOT* follow the instructions on the card—follow these instructions instead).
7. Once you have completed these steps, you should see your program template available
8. From this point forward, you can login to your Taskstream account by clicking on the ‘My Taskstream’ link from my.missouristate.edu
Professional Education
Student Contract Agreement

Due to the many special requirements concerning the various teacher education programs, we want to be certain that you understand the importance of the following statements. With appropriate planning and shared responsibility in the advisement process, you can expect to complete your program(s) in an effective and timely manner.

**NOTE: Where course grades indicate B or higher or C or higher, a B- or a C-, are not acceptable.**

Please check each section to indicate you have read and fully understand the following statements:

**General Understandings**

- Missouri State University's teacher preparation programs are subject to rules and mandates set forth by Missouri's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Implementation of DESE's new teacher education standards and evaluation system may require changes to my degree program to which I must comply.
- I understand that regular meetings with my advisor to review course offerings, sequence and new program requirements are essential to the completion of my degree or program.

**Prior to admission to Teacher Education**

- EDC150 for students transferring SEC302 equivalents, PEU015 course code or program equivalent (MUS148 for Music majors, AGE318 for Agriculture majors, KIN200 for Kinesiology majors) must be completed with a passing grade.
- A 2.50 combined GPA is required for enrollment in ELE302, SEC302, SPE310, KIN200, MUS200. (ECE 304 requires 2.75 combined GPA)
- Enrollment in Taskstream comprehensive portfolio and data management system.

**For admission to Teacher Education**

- Students with MSU or transfer credits prior to Fall 2013 and graduating before Fall 2017: A 2.50 combined GPA and 2.50 content (major) GPA are required. A 2.75 combined GPA is required for Elementary. A 2.75 content (major) GPA is required for History.
- Students with MSU or transfer credits after Fall 2013: A 2.75 combined GPA is required. For History, a 2.75 content (major) GPA is required.
- I must complete COM115 with grade of C or higher (no minimum grade required for Post-bac students)
- I must complete ELE302, ECE304, SEC302, SPE310, KIN200, or MUS200 with a grade of C or higher. For Elementary, a B is required in ELE302.
- For Music majors, a GPA of 3.00 and passing score on the piano proficiency exam (PPE) is required.
- I must pass all sections of the Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA) – post-bac students are exempt from this requirement.
- I must complete the Missouri Educator Profile (MEP).
- I must have a current FCSR background check on file.
• I must sign the Professional Dispositions Checklist.
• I must sign the Student Contract.
• I must be enrolled in Taskstream comprehensive portfolio and data management system.
• I must be approved by the Educator Preparation Provider Council (EPPC).

**Additional items for approval for Transition Point #1**

I must have:

• Been admitted to Teacher Education.
• Completed the early practicum Clinical Log (ELE=ELE302 or PEU015, ECE=CFD160 & 260, SPE=SPE517, MID & SEC=SEC302 or PEU015).

**Requirements for all practicum and student teaching experiences**

I must have:

• A current FCSR Background check on file (for 30 clock hours or less).
• A current FBI Background check on file (for over 30 clock hours).
• Current Professional Liability Insurance on file.
• A current negative TB Skin Test on file.

**For approval for student teaching**

I must have:

• For students completing student teaching prior to Fall 2017: A 2.50 combined GPA and 2.50 content (major) GPA; 2.75 combined GPA if Elementary, or 2.75 content (major) GPA if History.
• For students completing student teaching Fall 2017 and beyond: A 2.75 combined GPA and a 3.00 content (major) GPA.
• All professional education coursework completed, and have a grade of C or higher in each course taken. A grade of C- is not acceptable. For Elementary Ed, a B is required for professional education coursework.
• Completed an application for student teaching by the deadline (Feb. 1 for fall, Aug. 1 for spring).
• Approval from Academic Advisor and Department of Major.
• Completed Transition Point #2 (approved by Educational Field Experience Office).

**GPA requirements for graduation**

Those graduating *prior to fall 2017* must meet the following GPA requirements

• 2.50 combined GPA (2.75 Elementary and History).
• 2.50 content (major) GPA (2.75 for History).
• 2.50 professional education GPA; a GPA of 3.00 or higher is required for Elementary.
• Grade of C or higher in student teaching (B or higher in Elementary, effective Fall 2015).

Those graduating *fall 2017 or later* must meet the following GPA requirements
• 2.75 combined GPA.
• 3.00 content (major) GPA.
• 3.00 professional education GPA.
• Grade of C or higher in student teaching (B or higher in Elementary).

General understandings and agreements

• I understand I will be placed in at least one classroom setting involving students from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds during my practicum and/or student teaching experiences.
• I am responsible for reviewing my current degree audit for the purpose of determining coursework completed and remaining requirements for graduation. Post-Bac students: Must have an Individualized Program of Study (IPS) on file in the Teacher Certification Office.
• Regular meetings with your advisor to review course offerings, sequence and program requirements are essential to the completion of your degree or program.
• Early Childhood Majors must apply for selective admission during CFD160 or after, and file a degree program upon acceptance into the Early Childhood Program.
• It is highly recommended that I receive passing scores on the Mo Content Area Assessment the semester before student teaching. Waiting until student teaching to attempt the Mo Content Area Assessment may delay my certification.
• I understand that I must satisfactorily complete Transition Points #1 & #2 prior to student teaching and Transition Point #3 will be completed upon completing student teaching.

For certification recommendation
I must have:

• Met the current certification requirements in effect in Missouri at the time I am recommended for certification.
• A Bachelor's degree and all certification course requirements met.
• A passing score on the Mo Content Area Assessment in my primary certification area. I must meet the current cut score required in Missouri at the time recommended.
• Successful completion of the Missouri Performance Assessment (MoPTA) as established by the Missouri Board of Education.
• A current FBI Background check on file with DESE.
• An application for certification submitted on the DESE website.

By clicking "I Agree", I am verifying that I have read and agree to all items listed above.
Dear Student,

We congratulate you on your Admission to the Teacher Education Program. The Educator Preparation Provider Council (EPPC) reviewed your credentials and determined that all of the necessary requirements have been met.

You are now eligible for remaining professional education courses which also must be completed with a “C” or higher. A 2.75 combined GPA must be maintained for continuance in the Teacher Education program (all Middle School and Secondary Ed. majors must also maintain a 2.50 minimum GPA in their content areas, and History Ed. majors must also maintain a 2.75 minimum content GPA). Please note that to be recommended for an initial Missouri teaching certificate students must have successfully completed Supervised Teaching; met all Missouri teacher certification requirements which are in effect at time of certification; met the criteria established by the Missouri State Board of Education exit evaluation procedures and passed final portfolio requirements.

We commend you in reaching this important point in your academic career and wish you continued success in completing your education degree.

Sincerely,

Jamaine Abidogun
Dr. Jamaine Abidogun
Chair, Educator Preparation Provider Council

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Missouri State University - Policy Regarding Items Required for all Practicum and Student Teaching Experiences in Education Programs

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Definitions

Practicum: Any experience, tied to a Missouri State course, in a public school or accredited private school setting where a Missouri State student enters the classroom to observe a certified teacher or conducts activities in conjunction with the classroom teacher outside regular class meeting time and without the direct supervision of the instructor. There is no minimum number of clock hours required to be considered a practicum.

Practicum Hours vs. Clock Hours: It is Missouri State policy to define clock hours (contact hours) vs. credit hours in the following way when the practicum is used in a program for initial teacher certification: 30 clock hours = 1 credit hour. As a general guideline, a 30 clock hour practicum should contain a minimum of 20 contact hours in the classroom and student may be given credit for up to 10 clock hours of travel time or school related outside activities at the discretion of the practicum instructor.

Student Teaching: A semester-long experience where the student is assigned to a B-12 classroom(s) in a public or accredited private school setting and performs all the duties of a regular classroom teacher under the supervision of a cooperating teacher and a University supervisor. More information on student teaching options can be found at the following website: http://www.missouristate.edu/certification/studentteach.htm

Items Required Before Entering a Classroom

All students who are enrolled in education courses or have declared an education major must complete all items below and must keep them all current at all times while enrolled at Missouri State University. For undergraduate and post bac students, this requirement will begin at the point the student is admitted to Teacher Education and will continue through graduation. For graduate and alternative/innovative programs, the starting point will be determined by that program. Information on completion of the items below can be found at the following website: http://education.missouristate.edu/services/efe/default.htm

All students enrolled in a course that contains a practicum component (as identified in the official course description) or student teaching regardless of the number of clock hours must have the following items on file with Missouri State prior to entering the public or accredited private B-12 classroom setting:

- **TB Skin Test** – students must show negative result on the test, and test result must not be more than one year old during the semester of the practicum. Students who cannot have a TB skin test must bring proof from a doctor of a recent negative x-ray screening.
- **Professional Liability Insurance** – students must show proof of Professional Liability Insurance. Students are recommended to join either MSTA or NEA as a student member to take advantage of their Professional Liability Insurance. The insurance must not expire during the semester the student is in the practicum. Students may use private insurance if they can show proof of professional liability insurance.
• **Family Care and Safety Registry** – students must register with the Family Care and Safety Registry (FCSR) one time only. Students are required to register online and then email confirmation of their registration to the Educational Field Experiences Office. The Field Experiences Office staff will then run a current background check. That background check is then valid for ONE SEMESTER from the date it was completed. Therefore, the Educational Field Experiences Office will re-run that FCSR check each semester a student is enrolled in a practicum course.

**Processing of Student Information**
A comprehensive list of all courses requiring a practicum will be maintained by the Educational Field Experiences Office, and will be posted on its website. Students will provide proof of all the above items directly to the Educational Field Experiences Office. That office will then enter all items in Banner, including the date of expiration for each item. After registration for a future semester has begun, the Educational Field Experiences Office will run weekly class lists for every course requiring a practicum (as identified in the course description) and will contact all students in the class via Missouri State email address notifying them of the above requirements. Instructions to complete all of the above items can be found on the Educational Field Experiences website at: [http://education.missouristate.edu/services/efe/default.htm](http://education.missouristate.edu/services/efe/default.htm)

Once classes begin, a class list will be run each Friday and provided to each instructor of a course requiring a practicum. It will then be up to the instructor of that course to make sure all students have met the above requirements before entering their practicum.

If faculty members would like their students to show proof that these items have been completed, students may be asked to print their TEST screen in Banner and provide that printout to the instructor. If a school district requests verification of any of the above items, the student can come to the Educational Field Experiences office and will be given a form letter stating which items have been completed and the expiration date for each item. Individual copies of each item are not kept and therefore cannot be provided to students.

**Monitoring FCSR in Banner**
When a student registers for the Family Care and Safety Registry (FCSR), the Educational Field Experiences Office will enter the date the student registered in Banner. They will then also immediately run a background check on that student. At that time, the staff will enter “PENDING” in the expiration date in Banner. Once the background check comes back and is clear, the staff will change “PENDING” to the semester the student is completing the practicum. The background check will then be valid for that semester. This will allow faculty and staff to recognize when a student is registered but the background check is not yet complete.
Instructions for Clearances

- Click on the Educational Field Experiences link: http://education.missouristate.edu/services/efe/
- Underneath the column labeled Students click the link labeled “Clearances - TB Skin Test, Professional Liability Insurance, Family Care and Safety Registry, FBI fingerprinting”

Follow the links to the specific clearance(s) you may need. Submit all clearances electronically to efe@missouristate.edu or in person in Hill 215 or 200.

Name Badges

- Click on Educational Field Experiences link: http://education.missouristate.edu/services/efe/
- Click on link labeled Name Badges in the left menu.
- Name badges will be available approximately 1-2 weeks after the order is placed. You will receive an email when your name badge can be picked up in Hill 200.
The College of Education requires that all students register with the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) for their first practicum course. The Educational Field Experiences office processes a current background check through FCSR each semester a student is enrolled in a practicum or student teaching.

**Registration:** The fee to register online is $12.00 plus a $1.25 processing fee payable with a debit or credit card. Students registering with FCSR for the first time, or those checking to see if they have previously registered, follow these instructions:

1. Go to [https://webapp02.dhss.mo.gov/bsees/](https://webapp02.dhss.mo.gov/bsees/).
2. Click on the **Registration** tab and then register.
3. On the next screen, click **Is a Person Registered?** On that screen, enter Social Security number (SSN) twice and the Security Text shown.
4. Once this process is complete, the next screen will show the registration status.
   - If the SSN was found in the FCSR database, registration is complete. **However, to ensure the account remains active, it is necessary to update name or address changes with FCSR by calling 866-422-6872.**
   - If the SSN was not found in the FCSR database, click **Continue** and then click **Proceed with Registration.**
   - Click **Select if No Employer** and from the pull down menu, choose **Student.**
   - Click **Continue.** On the next screen, select **Voluntary** from the Selection Criteria menu, then proceed to complete the registration.

**NOTE:** **PLEASE ENTER INFORMATION CAREFULLY – INCORRECT INFORMATION WILL REQUIRE FURTHER VERIFICATION (FAXING A COPY OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, DRIVERS LICENSE, ETC).** You must register within two weeks of the beginning of each semester so the start of your practicum will not be delayed.

After you register with the Family Care Safety Registry, you will receive a letter with your background check results. Keep this letter as you may be asked to present a copy of it to the district where you have a practicum or are student teaching.
Online documents and contracts can be accessed through My Missouri State under the Academics tab.

Teacher Education Channel
My Missouri State

- eSTARS
  - Student Teaching Application
  - Student Teaching Self-Evaluation
- ePortfolio
  - My ePortfolio
  - Clinical Practice Log
- Online Agreements
  - Professional Dispositions Checklist
  - Student Contract
- Supervisor Access
  - eSTARS
  - Evaluate Student ePortfolios
  - Transition Points
Missouri State University  
Candidate Professional Disposition Traits Checklist

As an educator, you are to demonstrate intellectual, social, and ethical attributes indicative of the dispositions that contribute to the learning and development of all learners in Birth-12 classrooms. Dispositions refer to those “professional attitudes, values, and beliefs demonstrated through both verbal and non-verbal behaviors as educators interact with students, families, colleagues, and communities.” The dispositions listed below are to be demonstrated through coursework, teaching practicum, professional activities, and student teaching throughout your program of study.

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I understand that I must demonstrate these dispositions throughout my coursework in professional education. In the event that Professional Education Unit Faculty has concerns about how I demonstrate one or more of these dispositions, I may be required to complete a Disposition Development Plan in addition to my other course requirements.

**SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH [http://www.missouristate.edu](http://www.missouristate.edu) MY MISSOURI STATE EDUCATION CHANNEL**
Missouri State University
Professional Dispositions Referral Form

Student Name: ________________________ Major: _________________ Date: __________

Please check the dispositions below that are of concern.

- Cooperation with authority and peers
- Appropriate response to suggestions/feedback/criticism
- Responsibility/Reliability/Dependability
- Supportive/Encouraging
- Courtesy/Respect
- Acceptance of diversity/differences
- Optimism
- Non-judgmental attitude
- Caring/Kindness
- Self-control/Emotional stability
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- Professional appearance (hygiene, grooming, attire)
- Professional oral and/or sign language
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- Punctuality
- Initiative
- Ethical behavior
- Tactful behavior
- Other ______________________________

Briefly explain the behaviors/evidence that is cause for the above concerns:
____________________________________________________________________________
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Signature of Faculty Member making referral: __________________________ Date _______

This signature indicates that the faculty member has addressed the dispositions issues marked above with the student.

Signature of Program Coordinator __________________________ Date __________

Documentation related to any previous or ongoing efforts to remediate the dispositions cited above should accompany this form, as well as recommendations for faculty members to serve on this student’s Dispositions Development Team.

Signature of Student __________________________ Date __________

This signature does not indicate agreement or disagreement with the referral, but indicates that the student has been made aware of the dispositions of concern and has received a copy of the form.
## Missouri State University
### Professional Dispositions Development Plan

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I will complete the recommended interventions by the date(s) indicated above because I am committed to becoming a teacher who will ethically and responsibly support the learning and development of all learners in K-12 classrooms and intend to develop the dispositions, skills, and knowledge needed.

Preservice Teacher Signature ______________________ Date _________

Development Team Faculty

Faculty ______________ Date _____ Faculty ______________ Date _____
Faculty ______________ Date _____ Faculty ______________ Date _____

To be completed after intervention completion date

**Achievement of Benchmark(s):**

- Target
- Acceptable
- Progress Evident
- Not Met

**Decision**

- Continue in teacher education assuming that identified dispositions are no longer an issue.
- Continue in teacher education but complete another Dispositions Development Plan.
- Do not continue in teacher education.

Additional Comments __________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Development Team Faculty

Faculty ______________ Date _____ Faculty ______________ Date _____
Faculty ______________ Date _____ Faculty ______________ Date _____

Signature of Student _____________________________________Date________________
Senior Checklist

1. Review your Degree Audit.
   - Contact your advisor regarding any deficiencies.
   - Degree Audits can be accessed on my.missouristate.edu, academics tab, Student Records (on the left), Degree Audit

2. Apply for Student Teaching.
   - Applications are due February 1 if you are student teaching in the fall.
   - Applications are due August 1 if you are student teaching in the spring.
   - Student Teaching applications can be accessed on my.missouristate.edu, academics tab, Teacher Education (on the left)
   - Questions about Student teaching should be directed to Kim Dubree 417-836-5253

3. Take the Missourri Content Assessment (MoCA) prior to student teaching.
   - Register for MoCA on the MEGA website: http://www.mo.nesinc.com
   - Other MEGA info: http://www.missouristate.edu/certification/mega.htm

4. Take the University Exit Exam.
   - Register for ‘GEN 499’ the semester before you student teach
   - Exit Exam Info: http://www.missouristate.edu/oir/UniversityExitExam.htm

5. Apply for Graduation.
   - Submit your application to graduate once you have registered for student teaching.
   - Application to graduate can be accessed on my.missouristate.edu, academics tab, Commencement (on the left), Apply for Graduation

   - http://careercenter.missouristate.edu/
   - Go to Carrington 309 or call 417-836-5636 to schedule an appointment for:
     o Resume and Cover Letters
     o Graduate School Preparation
     o Practice Interview
     o Job Search

7. Explore the Graduate College.
   - Carrington 306
   - http://graduate.missouristate.edu/
ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

Bear Claw (Centre for Learning and Writing)  http://bearclaw.missouristate.edu
Certification Office  http://www.missouristate.edu/certification/
Citizenship and Service Learning (CASL)  http://www.missouristate.edu/casl/
College of Education  http://education.missouristate.edu/
Counseling and Testing Center (MEGA Assessments)  http://counselingandtesting.missouristate.edu/
Departmental Tutors  Call the Academic Department
Dean of Students  http://www.missouristate.edu/dos/
Disability Resource Center  http://www.missouristate.edu/disability/
Educational Field Experiences  http://education.missouristate.edu/services/efe/
Foster Recreation Center  http://www.missouristate.edu/reccenter/
Learning Diagnostic Clinic  http://psychology.missouristate.edu/lde/
Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)  http://dese.mo.gov/
Multicultural Resource Center  http://multicultural.missouristate.edu/
Secondary Education  http://education.missouristate.edu/secondary/
Student Academic Support Services  http://www.missouristate.edu/stuacad/
Study Away Program  http://international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/
Taskstream  http://www.taskstream.com
Taylor Health Center  http://health.missouristate.edu/
Trio Study Skills  http://trio.missouristate.edu/
University Libraries - Duane G. Meyer Library  http://library.missouristate.edu/
CERTIFICATION
Missouri Teacher Standards (MTS)

The Missouri Teacher Standards convey the expectations of performance for professional teachers in Missouri. The standards are based on teaching theory indicating that effective teachers are caring, reflective practitioners and lifelong learners who continuously acquire new knowledge and skills and are constantly seeking to improve their teaching practice to provide high academic achievement for all students. These standards recognize that teachers continuously develop knowledge and skills, employing a developmental sequence to define a professional continuum that illustrates how a teacher’s knowledge and skills mature and strengthen throughout the career. Teaching professionals are expected to supply good professional judgment and to use these standards to inform and improve their own practice. Go to [http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/TeacherStandards.pdf](http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/TeacherStandards.pdf) a concise list of standards and indicators.

Mid-Preparation Benchmarks & Candidate Column on the Professional Continuum

**Standard #1 – Content Knowledge Aligned with Appropriate Instruction.** The teacher understands the central concepts, structures and tools of inquiry of the discipline(s) and creates learning experiences that make aspects of subject matter meaningful and engaging for students.

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<td>1M1) Demonstrate basic content knowledge as well as academic</td>
<td>1C1) Demonstrates knowledge of the academic language of the</td>
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<td>language of disciplines</td>
<td>appropriate discipline applicable to the certification area(s) sought as</td>
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<td>1M2) Demonstrates an awareness of teaching methodologies used</td>
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<td>to engage students in subject matter.</td>
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<td>1M3) Utilizes disciplinary methods of inquiry and research.</td>
<td>1C3) Understands how to engage students in the methods of inquiry and research in his or her respective discipline.</td>
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<th>Quality Indicator 4: Interdisciplinary Instruction</th>
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<td>1M4) Demonstrates an understanding of what constitutes an</td>
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<td>interdisciplinary lesson.</td>
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<th>Quality Indicator 5: Diverse Social and Cultural Perspectives</th>
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<td>1M5) Demonstrates an understanding of cultural diversity and the</td>
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<td>potential for bias in teaching.</td>
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**Standard #2 - Student, Learning Growth and Development.** The teacher understands how students learn, develop, and differ in their approaches to learning. The teacher provides learning opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners and support the intellectual, social, and personal development of all students.

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<td>2M1) Demonstrates a basic knowledge of principles of child/adolescent development.</td>
<td>2C1) Knows and identifies child/adolescent developmental stages and can apply them to students.</td>
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<td>2M2) Demonstrates the ability to set short and long-term goals, organize, implement, and self-reflect.</td>
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<td>2M3) Demonstrates a basic knowledge of theories of learning.</td>
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<th>Quality Indicator 4: Differentiated Learning Design</th>
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<td>2M4) Demonstrates an understanding that students differ in their approaches to learning.</td>
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<th>Quality Indicator 5: Prior Experiences, Learning Styles, Multiple Intelligences, Strengths, and Needs</th>
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<td>2M5) Explains how students’ prior experiences, multiple intelligences, strengths, and needs to positively impact learning.</td>
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<th>Quality Indicator 6: Language, Culture, Family and Knowledge of Community Values</th>
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<td>2M6) Explains how instruction is connected to students’ prior experiences, family, culture, and community</td>
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Standard #3 – Curriculum Implementation. The teacher recognizes the importance of long-range planning and curriculum development. The teacher develops, implements, and evaluates curriculum based upon student, district and state standards data.

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<th>The Mid-Preparation Candidate (M)</th>
<th>The Teacher Candidate (C)</th>
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<td>3M1) Demonstrates an understanding of curriculum, instructional alignment, and national and state standards.</td>
<td>3C1) Understands the components and organization of an effective curriculum, is able to create aligned learning experiences, can locate national and state standards, and is able to align them to learning outcomes.</td>
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| Quality Indicator 2: Lessons for Diverse Learners | 3M2) Demonstrates an understanding of the importance of using appropriate strategies, materials, and technology based on the needs of diverse learners. | 3C2) Understands how to select appropriate strategies for addressing individual student needs in meeting curriculum objectives. |

| Quality Indicator 3: Analyze Instructional Goals and Differentiated Instructional Strategies | 3M3) Demonstrates an understanding of the importance of differentiated instruction and short and long-term instructional goal planning to meet student needs. | 3C3) Knows and understands the concept of differentiated instruction and short and long-term instructional goal planning to address student needs in meeting curriculum objectives. |

Standard #4 – Critical Thinking. The teacher uses a variety of instructional strategies and resources to encourage students’ development and critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

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<th>Quality Indicator 1: Instructional Strategies Leading to Student Engagement in Problem Solving and Critical Thinking</th>
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<td>4M1) Demonstrates a general knowledge of various types of instructional strategies to promote critical thinking.</td>
<td>4C1) Can demonstrate knowledge of researched-based models of critical thinking and problem-solving, including various types of instructional strategies, to support student engagement in higher level thinking skills.</td>
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| Quality Indicator 2: Appropriate Use of Instructional Resources to Enhance Student Learning | 4M2) Demonstrates an understanding of how using current instructional resources benefits the teaching and learning process. | 4C2) Demonstrates knowledge of current instructional resources to support complex thinking and technological skills. |

| Quality Indicator 3: Cooperative, Small Group and Independent Living | 4M3) Demonstrates an understanding of the importance of using cooperative learning strategies for effective student engagement. | 4C3) Can demonstrate knowledge of strategies for facilitating multiple configurations for student learning including cooperative, small group and independent learning. |

Standard #5 – Positive Classroom Environment. The teacher uses an understanding of individual/group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages active engagement in learning, positive social interaction and self-motivation.

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<td>5M1) Recognizes principles of classroom management, motivation, and engagement.</td>
<td>5C1) Knows how classroom management, motivation, and engagement relate to one another and has knowledge of strategies and techniques for using this to promote student interest and learning.</td>
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| Quality Indicator 2: Management of Time, Space, Transitions, and Activities | 5M2) Recognizes the importance of management time, space, transitions, and activities. | 5C2) Demonstrates competence in managing time, space, transitions, and activities to create an effective learning environment. |

| Quality Indicator 3: Classroom, School, and Community Culture | 5M3) Recognizes the influence of classroom, school, and community culture on student relationships and the impact on the classroom environment and learning. | 5C3) Recognizes and identifies the influence of classroom, school and community culture on student relationships, and the impact on the classroom environment and learning. |

Standard #6 – Effective Communication. The teacher models effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques with students, colleagues and families to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.

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<td>6M1) Demonstrates effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques.</td>
<td>6C1) Understands the importance of and develops the ability to use effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques.</td>
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| Quality Indicator 2: Sensitivity to Culture, Gender, Intellectual and Physical Differences | 6M2) Recognizes sensitivity to differences in culture, gender, intellectual and physical ability in classroom communication. | 6C2) Develops sensitivity to differences in culture, gender, intellectual and physical ability in classroom communication and in responses to student communication. |

| Quality Indicator 3: Learner Expression in Speaking, Writing and Other Media | | |

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6M3) Identifies the importance of facilitating learner expressing in speaking, writing, listening, and other media.
6C3) Develops the ability to facilitate learner expression in speaking, writing, listening, and other media ensuring it adheres to district policy.

**Quality Indicator 4: Technology and Media Communication Tools**

6M4) Develops skills in using a variety of media communication tools.
6C4) Develops skills in using a variety of technology media communication tools.

**Standard #7 – Student Assessment and Data Analysis.** The teacher understands and uses formative and summative assessment strategies to assess the learner’s progress and uses both classroom and standardized assessment data to plan ongoing instructions. The teacher monitors the performance of each student and devises instruction to enable students to grow and develop, making adequate academic progress.

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| **Quality Indicator 1: Effective use of Assessments**
  7M1) Demonstrates the importance of using formative and summative assessment strategies. | 7C1) Has knowledge of the development, use and analysis of formal and informal assessments. |
| **Quality Indicator 2: Assessment Data to Improve Learning**
  7M2) Recognizes the importance of using assessment data to guide instructional approaches and learning strategies. | 7C2) Has knowledge of how data can be accessed, analyzed, and appropriately used to design instruction and improve learning activities. |
| **Quality Indicator 3: Student-Led Assessment Strategies**
  7M3) Recognizes the importance of self and peer assessment, differences in formats, and can set their own learning goals. | 7C3) Describes, explains and analyzes a variety of self and peer assessment strategies, understands the need to prepare students for the demands of particular assessment formats; can set their own learning goals; and is able to teach students to set learning goals. |
| **Quality Indicator 4: Effect Instruction on Individual/Class Learning**
  7M4) Recognizes the importance of gathering assessment data to show the effectiveness of instruction on individual/class learning. | Develops a knowledge base of assessment strategies and tools, including how to collect information by observing classroom interactions and using higher order questioning. The candidate uses analysis of the data to determine the effect of class instruction on individual and whole class learning. |
| **Quality Indicator 5: Communication of Student Progress and Maintaining Records**
  7M5) Recognizes the importance of maintaining confidentiality of student records and communicating student progress to students, families, colleagues, and administrators. | 7C5) Can explain ethical legal implications of confidentiality of student records and can describe and analyze strategies to communicate student progress to students, families, colleague and administrators |
| **Quality Indicator 6: Collaborative Data Analysis**
  7M6) Recognizes the importance of the collaborative data analysis process. | C6) Demonstrate a capacity to engage in a collaborative classroom/department/school data analysis process. |

**Standard #8 – Professional Practice.** The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually assesses the effects of choices and actions on others. The teacher actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally in order to improve learning for all students.

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| **Quality Indicator 1: Self-Assessment and Improvement**
  8M1) Articulates understanding of the importance of reflective practice and continual professional growth. | 8C1) Understands strategies for reflecting on teaching practices to refine their own instructional process in order to promote the growth and learning of students. |
| **Quality Indicator 2: Professional Learning**
  8M2) Articulates the importance of regular participation in professional learning opportunities. | 8C2) Identifies and understands the use of an array of professional learning opportunities including those offered by educator preparation programs, school districts, professional associations, and/or other opportunities for improving student learning. |
| **Quality Indicator 3: Professional Rights, Responsibilities, and Ethical Practices**
  8M3) Recognizes ethical practices and the influence of district policies and school procedures on professional practice. | 8C3) Is knowledgeable of and demonstrates professional, ethical behavior and is aware of the influence of district policies and school procedures on classroom structure. |
**Standard #9 – Professional Collaboration.** The teacher has effective working relationships with students, families, school colleagues and community members.

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<td>9M1) Reflects on the importance of fostering appropriate relationships with peers and school personnel.</td>
<td>9C1) Understands the importance of collegial activities in building a shared mission, vision, values and goals, participate in collaborative curriculum and staff development meetings and demonstrates the ability to collaborate with his/her cooperating teacher and supervisor to establish relationships in the school, district and community.</td>
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| Quality Indicator 2: Collaborating to Meet Student Needs | 9M2) Recognizes the importance of accessing basic services available in the school and community to support students and their learning. | 9C2) Understands school-based systems designed to address the individual needs of students by working with the cooperating teacher/supervisor to engage with the larger professional community across the system to identify and provide needed services to support individual learners. |

| Quality Indicator 3: Cooperative Partnerships in Support of Student Learning | 9M3) Reflects on the importance of developing relationships with students, families, and communities in support of student learning. | 9C3) Recognizes the importance of developing relationships and cooperative partnerships with students, families and community members to support students’ learning and well-being. |
# The Professional Continuum of the Missouri Teacher

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<td>This level describes the performance expected of a potential teacher preparing to enter the profession and is enrolled in an approved educator preparation program at a college, university, or state-approved alternate pathway. Content knowledge and teaching skills are being developed through a progression of planned classroom and supervised clinical experiences.</td>
<td>This level describes the performance expected of a new teacher as they enter the profession or a practicing teacher in a new assignment. The base knowledge and skills are applied as they begin to teach and advance student growth and achievement in their classroom.</td>
<td>This level describes the performance expected of a teacher early in their assignment with the teaching, content, knowledge, and skills that he/she possesses continually developing as they encounter new experiences and expectations in the classroom, school, district, and community while they continue to advance student growth and achievement.</td>
<td>This level describes the performance expected of a career, professional teacher who continues to advance his/her knowledge and skills while consistently advancing student growth and achievement.</td>
<td>This level describes the career, professional teacher whose performance exceeds proficiency and who contributes to the profession and larger community while consistently advancing student growth and achievement. The Distinguished Teacher serves as an educational leader in the school, district, and the profession.</td>
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The Professional Continuum descriptions apply to all indicators found in the MoSPE standards. Formative and summative assessment of these indicators will occur in practicum experiences and student teaching as well as during teaching practice as a certified teacher in Missouri.
**Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA)**

MEGA are required by Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for all students pursuing certification. Go to MSU’s Teacher Certification website for additional information about each assessment such as test dates, registration, study materials, and total cost per certification area. [http://www.missouristate.edu/certification/MEGA.htm](http://www.missouristate.edu/certification/MEGA.htm).

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| MEP - Missouri Educator Profile         | Required for Admit to Teacher Education   | *Online career assessment  
*Implementation – Fall 2013  
*Cost - $22                                                                                      |
| MoGEA - Missouri General Education Assessment | Required for Admit to Teacher Education   | *Knowledge test in the following areas (current MSU cut scores until August 31):  
ENG 186  
WRI 167  
MTH 183  
SCI 183  
SOC 183  
*Implementation – Fall 2013  
*Cost – Refer to Counseling & Testing Center [http://counselingandtesting.missouristate.edu/](http://counselingandtesting.missouristate.edu/)  
*Revised MoGEA begins September 1 (MSU cut scores will not be determined until December 2015) |
| Content Area Assessments                | Recommended completion prior to student teaching  
Required for certification | *Content specific licensure exam  
*Required scores 220  
*Implementation – Fall 2014  
*Cost – Varies by certification area – Refer to MSU Teacher Certification website |
| MoPTA – Performance Assessment         | Completed during student teaching  
Required for certification | *Culminating, performance based project  
*Required score pending  
*Implementation – Fall 2015  
*Cost - $275 |
License Classification – Broad Area of “Like” Licenses

http://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification

Classifications: There are five classifications of certificates of license to teach in Missouri. There are also six levels of licensure. Each classification offers an initial certificate that is valid for four years and requires the individual to meet various requirements on mentoring, performance evaluation and professional development. Each classification also offers a career continuous certificate that is valid for 99 years to individuals who successfully complete the initial requirements and continue to meet various requirements on evaluation, professional development, years of experience, and/or advancement to a higher college degree. The classifications are as follows:

1. Administration – Administrators are principals, superintendents, career education directors and special education directors. This classification requires two-years of teaching experience and a master’s degree in administration/leadership. In order to qualify for a superintendent’s license, the individual must have a minimum of an education specialist’s degree and two years of administrative experience. Administrators are required to be mentored for two years (superintendents only one year).

2. Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) – This license allows an individual to teach persons 16 years of age or older English and mathematics skills. It requires a bachelor’s degree and completion of courses in methods/testing/etc.

3. Career (Vocational) Education – This license allows individuals to teach in various fields such as nursing, automotive, occupational family and consumer science, and trade/industrial and technology fields. Individuals must have a bachelor’s degree in their content field and meet other requirements. Some areas of certification require job experience in lieu of the bachelor’s degree.

4. Professional – Professional certificates are required to teach in subjects areas in elementary, middle- and high-schools. The licenses are grade and subject-area specific. Special education and librarians are also in this classification area. A professional license requires, at least, a bachelor’s degree and other specific requirements. Prior to 2003, professional certificates were called PCI, PCII and CPC – these types of certificates should be upgraded to the initial or career continuous type of licenses. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards license is recognized by Missouri.

5. Student Services – This classification covers counselors, psychologists, speech/language pathologists, or career education evaluators. Generally, certificates in student services area require a master’s degree or higher in an education-related profession. School Psychologists' National Board certification is recognized by Missouri.
Types of Missouri Certificates/Licenses - are specific subjects or grade levels within a classification. Types of licenses vary from early childhood, elementary, middle-school subject specific, high-school subject specific, vocal music, special education, school psychologist, etc.

1. **Initial** certificate/license is the first license a new educator receives. A minimum of a baccalaureate degree from a college/university having a teacher education program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or from a college/university having a teacher education program approved by the state education agency in states other than Missouri is required. The applicant must have a recommendation for certification from the designated official for teacher education in the college/university where the program was completed. The applicant must have a grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; both overall and in the content area. The applicant must complete the required Praxis test(s). A list of the Missouri Specialty Area Tests with the qualifying scores can be found on the DESE website.

2. **Transition** certificate is limited to administrators. For example: A new administrator must have a master’s degree in order to obtain the initial (first) certification. After four years, he/she must enroll in an education specialist’s degree or doctoral degree program and while they are doing that, they can be issued a transition certification. By the tenth year of employment as an administrator, the individual must complete the education specialist’s degree or higher and obtain the career continuous administrator’s certificate.

3. **Career Continuous** is a 99-year (permanent) license. It requires an individual to continue to maintain a professional development plan, have successful performance-based evaluations, and annually report professional development to the Department. Individuals who complete two of the three following items, no longer are required to report the professional development to the Department: ten years of certified experience; the next higher college degree (above the entrance requirement); or national certification from a recognized agency.

4. **Provisional** – This is a two-year, nonrenewable certificate for educators who lack a few hours of meeting all the requirements for full certification. The largest numbers of provisional certificates are issued to individuals who are enrolled in a college-based alternative/innovative program, have not yet passed their required Praxis test, or are adding areas to an existing certificate. A provisional certificate is issued at the request of an employing district and may require an academic contract with a college or university.

5. **Temporary** – This is a one-year, renewable certificate issued to individuals who have a bachelor’s degree in a content or closely-related field and who agree to meet a variety of requirements – including taking a number of college courses in pedagogy and passing the appropriate Praxis II test(s). A temporary certificate is issued at the request of an employing district.

6. **Substitute** – This is a one-year certificate that requires a minimum of 60 semester hours of liberal arts, college credit and is issued at the request of an employing district.
COMMON CORE State Standards Initiative

The Missouri Learning Standards include the Common Core State Standards. Information regarding the Common Core Standards and how they are infused into your certification area can be found at the following links:

http://www.corestandards.org/the-standards