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**Chapter 400—Office of Educator Quality**

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5 CSR 20-400.110 Missouri Classroom Teacher Job-Sharing Provision

PURPOSE: This rule facilitates job-sharing positions for classroom teachers.

1. Classroom teachers participating in a job-sharing provision shall be eligible to receive leave benefits as provided in section (2) of this rule. An eligible position is:
   (A) Sharing employment with one (1) other employee;
   (B) Be employed at least seventeen (17) hours per week, but not more than twenty (20) hours per week; and
   (C) At least seventy percent (70%) of employee time spent in classroom instruction.

2. Classroom teachers participating in job sharing shall receive paid legal holidays, annual vacation leave, sick leave, and personal leave on a pro rata basis. The pro rata basis shall be based on district policy for full-time employees.

3. The mandated leave benefit eligibility as provided in this rule shall not include instructional support or school services positions including, but not limited to, guidance counselor, media coordinator, psychologist, social worker, audiologist, speech and language pathologist, and nursing positions.

4. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to limit the ability of a school district to authorize job sharing, nor shall this rule be construed to limit the benefits a school district may provide to job-sharing employees, if such job sharing or benefits are not otherwise prohibited by law.


5 CSR 20-400.125 Actions of the State Board of Education Relating to Applications for Educator Certificates

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant educator certification in any of the public schools of the state and to establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule establishes procedures for review of applications of individuals convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed; applicants whose certificate of license to teach has been revoked in Missouri or in another jurisdiction; and applicants seeking to appeal a denial of a certificate of license to teach by the Office of Educator Quality.

1. Any application for a certificate of license to teach (certificate) for an individual who has pleaded to or has been found guilty of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed, including candidates for a Missouri educator certificate who are currently enrolled in professional education courses in conjunction with state-approved teacher preparation programs, shall be reviewed by the Office of Educator Quality within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) and recommendations made to the State Board of Education (board).

   (A) If requested, applicants shall provide the following:

   1. Information relating to being found guilty, a plea of guilty, receipt of a suspended imposition of sentence, receipt of a suspended execution of sentence, or entering a plea of nolo contendere for any violation of any laws of a state, the United States, or any other country, other than a traffic violation; including information about the date of the court action, the applicant’s age at the time of the underlying offense, the facts of the crime, and whether the conduct that was the basis for the conviction was in the scope of the applicant’s duties while employed by a public or private school or school district; and

   G. A statement as to rehabilitative steps completed by the applicant relating to the applicant’s criminal conduct.

   2. The Office of Educator Quality may issue a certificate based on standards adopted by the board; or

   3. The Office of Educator Quality may deny an application. If the application is denied, the applicant may appeal to the commissioner; or

   4. Applicants who have been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed, who have neither been denied nor issued a certificate by the Office of Educator Quality, shall be placed on the agenda of the board as soon as reasonably possible after submitting a complete application. The applicant will be notified of the date, time, and place of the board meeting. Consideration by the board will consist of a

1. A complete application shall include:

   A. Information regarding teaching certificates or similar titles and/or other professional licenses or similar titles held, including, but not limited to, disciplinary actions, denials, restrictions, revocations, voluntary surrenders, suspensions, reprimands, and/or investigations;

   B. A consent authorizing the department, as it deems necessary or appropriate, to make contact with, interview, consult, obtain documentation and verification from other persons and sources within or without Missouri with respect to the applicant, and the applicant’s request for certification;

   C. Transcripts and other evidence necessary to show compliance with all the requirements for certification that are in effect at the time application for certification or recertification is made;

   D. Other information including recent employment and references requested by the department that may be deemed relevant to the request for recertification;

   E. A completed background check processed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);

   F. Information relating to any criminal history including being found guilty, a plea of guilty, receipt of a suspended imposition of sentence, receipt of a suspended execution of sentence, or entering a plea of nolo contendere for any violation of any laws of a state, the United States, or any other country, other than a traffic violation; including information about the date of the court action, the applicant’s age at the time of the underlying offense, the facts of the crime, and whether the conduct that was the basis for the conviction was in the scope of the applicant’s duties while employed by a public or private school or school district; and

   G. A statement as to rehabilitative steps completed by the applicant relating to the applicant’s criminal conduct.

review of the application and additional documents. The applicant will not have the opportunity to present additional evidence or testify. The applicant will be notified in writing of the decision of the board. Certification may only be issued upon motion of the board adopted by an unanimous affirmative vote of those members present and voting.

(2) Any application for an educator certificate submitted by an individual who has been subject to previous disciplinary action by the board or by a licensing authority in another state or political jurisdiction shall only be granted by affirmative vote of the board.

(A) An application must be complete to go to the board. A completed application shall include:

1. Information regarding teaching certificates or similar titles and/or other professional licenses or similar titles held, including but not limited to, disciplinary actions, denials, restrictions, revocations, voluntary surrenders, suspensions, reprimands, and/or investigations;

2. A consent authorizing the department, as it deems necessary or appropriate, to make contact with, interview, consult, obtain documentation and verification from other persons and sources within or without Missouri with respect to the applicant, and the applicant’s request for certification;

3. Transcripts and other evidence necessary to show compliance with all the requirements for certification that are in effect at the time application for certification or recertification is made;

4. Other information including recent employment and references requested by the department that may be deemed relevant to employment and references requested by the applicant;

5. A completed background check processed by the MSHP and/or the FBI.

(B) The completed application shall be placed on the agenda of the board as soon as reasonably possible. The applicant will be notified of the date, time, and place of the board meeting. Consideration by the board will consist of a record review of the application, related materials reviewed by the commissioner of education, and the applicant’s additional statements. The applicant will not have the opportunity to present additional evidence or testify. The applicant will be notified in writing of the decision of the board.

(3) Applicants who are denied by the Office of Educator Quality will be advised in writing of the reason(s) why certification is denied and at the same time will receive notice of the process for appeal.

(A) The applicant, within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of denial, may request the commissioner of education to review the decision of the Office of Educator Quality. The applicant shall provide all documentation to be considered by the commissioner of education or a designee in reviewing the application.

(B) The commissioner of education will notify the applicant in writing of the decision.

(C) If the commissioner of education approves the decision of the Office of Educator Quality in denying certification, the applicant, within thirty (30) days from the date the commissioner sends written notice of the decision, may file a written notice of appeal with the board by addressing the notice to the secretary of the State Board of Education, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. In addition to stating the applicant’s desire to appeal the denial of certification, the notice shall include a statement of each reason the applicant relies upon to demonstrate support for the reversal of denial.

(D) The appeal shall be placed on the agenda of the board as soon as reasonably possible. The applicant will be notified of the time, date, and place of the board meeting.

(E) The appeal will consist of a record review of the application, related materials reviewed by the commissioner of education, and the applicant’s additional statements. The applicant will not have the opportunity to present additional evidence or testify. The applicant will be notified in writing of the decision of the board.

(4) Applications denied by the board are subject to judicial review by the circuit court.

5 CSR 20-400.140 Administrative Procedures for Applicants Whose Certificates Have Been Revoked by a Certificating Authority Other Than the State Board of Education

(Rescinded July 30, 2014)


5 CSR 20-400.150 Application for Certificate of License to Teach

(Rescinded June 30, 2020)


5 CSR 20-400.160 Application for Certificate of License to Teach for Administrators

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the procedures for application for a certificate of license to teach for school administrators including superintendent, principal, special education administrator, and career education director.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This
material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) An applicant may be granted an administrator certificate of license to teach in the following areas subject to the specific certification requirements found in the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements (compendium), which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule, and criteria established in the rules promulgated by the State Board of Education (board), to an individual who possesses good moral character. Anyone interested in viewing or requesting a copy of the compendium, published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (revised February 2012), may contact the Educator Certification Section, 205 Jefferson Street, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions:

(A) Superintendent, grades K–12;
(B) Principal, grades K–8; grades 5–9; and/or grades 7–12;
(C) Special education administrator, grades K–12; and/or
(D) Career education director.

(2) Applications for an administrator Missouri certificate of license to teach shall be submitted on the forms provided by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee and may be obtained by writing the Educator Certification Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) at PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or by downloading from the Internet.

(3) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(4) The applicant shall request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved baccalaureate or higher level teacher preparation program.

(5) The applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from a state-approved teacher preparation program.

(6) The applicant shall submit verification of certification or licensure directly to DESE including information regarding any disciplinary action from each state or United States’ territory regulatory entity in which a professional license, including a certificate of license to teach, is held or has ever been held.

(7) The applicant for an initial administrator certificate of license to teach as a superintendent must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant shall request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved educational specialist or advanced degree program for the preparation of superintendents;
(B) The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the exit assessment(s) as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. The official score report shall be submitted to DESE; and
(C) The applicant must have served one (1) year as a building- or district-level administrator at a public or accredited nonpublic school.

(8) The applicant for an initial administrator certificate of license to teach as a principal must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant shall request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved master’s program or higher in educational leadership for the preparation of principals;
(B) The applicant must possess a master’s degree or higher from a state-approved master’s program or higher in educational leadership for the preparation of principals;
(C) The applicant must possess two (2) years of teaching experience; and
(D) The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the building-level administrator’s assessment(s) as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. The official score report shall be submitted to DESE.

(9) The applicant for an initial administrator certificate of license to teach as a special education administrator must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant shall request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved master’s program or higher in educational leadership for the preparation of principals;
(B) The applicant must possess or be eligible to possess a certificate of license to teach in an area of special education or student services;
(C) The applicant must possess two (2) years of teaching experience in special education or student services;
(D) Obtain a recommendation for certification from the designated official of a college/university approved by DESE; and
(E) The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the building-level administrator’s assessment(s) as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. The official score report shall be submitted to DESE.

(10) The applicant for an initial administrator certificate of license to teach as a career education director must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant must possess a master’s degree or higher from a state-approved program in educational leadership or in a certifiable area recognized in Missouri;
(B) The applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from a four- (4-) year college/university;
(C) The applicant must possess a minimum of two (2) years teaching experience at grades seven (7) or higher approved by DESE or, for the postsecondary career education director a combination of two (2) years of teaching experience at grades seven (7) or higher and/or two (2) years of full-time experience at workforce development (adult education or customized training, et al.) in an educational setting; and
(D) Successful completion of the building-level administrator’s assessment designated by the board (only required for secondary career education directors).

(11) An applicant for a Missouri administrator certificate of license to teach who possesses a valid administrator certificate of license to teach from another state and possesses good moral character may be granted a Missouri administrator certificate of license to teach. The applicant shall submit the application on the forms provided by the board, signed and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and...
the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(12) Following review by DESE, the applicant shall be informed in writing of the decision regarding the application for a certificate of license to teach.

(13) An initial administrator certificate of license to teach may be issued for a period of four (4) years and may be renewed as set forth in the compendium.

(14) The holder of an administrator certificate of license to teach shall ensure that DESE has their current legal name and address.

(A) A holder of an administrator certificate of license to teach whose name is changed shall notify DESE within ninety (90) days of the name change and provide a copy of the appropriate documents verifying the name change.

(B) A holder of an administrator certificate of license to teach whose address has changed shall inform DESE in writing of the change within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the change.


5 CSR 20-400.170 Application for a Student Services Certificate of License to Teach

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the procedures for application for a student services certificate of license to teach for school counselors, school psychological examiners, school psychologists, adult education supervisors, career education counselors, career education placement coordinators, and speech-language pathologists.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) An applicant for a student services certificate of license to teach may be granted in the following areas subject to the specific certification requirements found in the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements (compendium), which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Anyone interested in viewing or requesting a copy of the compendium, published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (revised February 2012), may contact the Educator Certification Section, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. The criteria established in the rules, promulgated by the State of Missouri, may be obtained from each state or United States’ territory regulatory entity in which a professional license, including a certificate of license to teach, is held or has ever been held.

(2) Applications for a student services Missouri certificate of license to teach shall be submitted on the forms provided by the board, accompanied by the appropriate fee, and may be obtained by writing the Educator Certification Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) at PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or by downloading from the Internet.

(3) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or DESE staff to be complete and the application is submitted on the forms provided by the board, signed and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(4) The applicant shall submit verification of certification or licensure directly to DESE including information regarding any disciplinary action from each state or United States’ territory regulatory entity in which a professional license, including a certificate of license to teach, is held or has ever been held.

(5) The applicant for a student services certificate of license to teach as a school counselor must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant shall request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved master’s or higher level school counselor preparation program; and

(B) The applicant must possess either—

1. A master’s or higher degree in school counseling from a state-approved school counselor preparation program; or

2. A master’s or higher degree in education, school counseling, counseling, counseling psychology, rehabilitation counseling, or a closely related mental health discipline with additional graduate course work specific to school counseling, as designated by the state-approved recommending certification official, including a supervised internship or field experience of at least three hundred (300) hours in an appropriate school setting; and

(C) The applicant must either—

1. Possess a bachelor’s degree in education from a state-approved teacher preparation program; or
2. Complete a curriculum in teaching methods and practices, classroom management, and the psychology of the exceptional child, as specified by the recommending certification officer of the state-approved program; and

(D) The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the exit assessment(s), not to include the principles of learning and teaching, as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. An official score report shall be submitted to DESE.

(6) The applicant for a student services certificate of license to teach as a school psychological examiner must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant shall request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved master’s or higher level school psychological examiner preparation program; and

(B) The applicant must possess either—

1. A master’s or higher degree from a state-approved school counselor preparation program; or

2. A master’s or higher degree in education, school counseling, counseling, counseling psychology, or a closely related mental health discipline; and complete a designated graduate curriculum in the practice of the school psychological examiner, as specified by the recommending certification program, including a supervised internship or field experience in school psychological assessment of at least one hundred fifty (150) hours in an appropriate school setting.

(7) The applicant for a student services certificate of license to teach as a school psychologist must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant shall request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved school psychologist preparation program;

(B) The applicant must possess an education specialist’s or equivalent degree in school psychology from a state-approved program; and

(C) The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the exit assessment(s) as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. An official score report shall be submitted to DESE.

(8) The applicant for a student services certificate of license to teach as an adult education supervisor must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant must possess a baccalaureate level or higher degree from a state-approved college or university.

(9) The applicant for a student services certificate of license to teach as a career education counselor, adult education counselor, adult education supervisor, career services coordinator, speech-language pathologist from the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts; and

3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the exit assessment(s), not to include the principals of learning and teaching, as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. An official score report shall be submitted to DESE; or

(B) Teacher Preparation Program—

1. The applicant must possess a master’s or higher degree from a state-approved program for speech-language pathologists;

2. The applicant must obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official for a state-approved program for the preparation of a speech-language pathologist; and

3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the exit assessment(s), not to include the principals of learning and teaching, as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. An official score report shall be submitted to DESE.

(12) Additional certificates of license to teach may be granted pursuant to rules promulgated by the board.

(13) An applicant for a Missouri student services certificate of license to teach who possesses a valid certificate of license to teach from another state and possesses good moral character may be granted a Missouri student services certificate of license to teach.

(A) The applicant shall submit the application on the forms provided by the board, signed and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

1. The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(14) Following review by DESE, the applicant shall be informed in writing of the decision regarding the application for a certificate of license to teach.

(15) An initial student services certificate of license to teach may be issued for a school counselor, school psychological examiner, career education counselor, adult education supervisor, career services coordinator, speech-language pathologist, and/or school
psychologist for a period of four (4) years and may be renewed as set forth in the compendium.

(16) The holder of a student services certificate of license to teach shall ensure that DESE has their current legal name and address.

(A) A holder of a student services certificate of license to teach whose name is changed shall notify DESE within ninety (90) days of the name change and provide a copy of the appropriate documents verifying the name change.

(B) A holder of a student services certificate of license to teach whose address has changed shall inform DESE in writing of the change within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the change.


5 CSR 20-400.180 Temporary Authorization Certificate of License to Teach

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the procedures for a temporary authorization certificate of license to teach when the applicant is employed by a Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri temporary authorization certificate of license to teach (temporary authorization certificate) who possesses good moral character may be granted a temporary authorization certificate upon joint application with a Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school. The temporary authorization certificate is limited to the employing Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school.

(2) Applications for a Missouri temporary authorization certificate shall be submitted on the forms provided by the State Board of Education (board).

(3) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) staff to be complete and the application is submitted on the forms provided by the board, signed, and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and any other applicable forms. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(4) The applicant shall request that each state or United States territory regulatory entity in which a professional license including a certificate of license to teach is held or has ever been held to submit verification of certification or licensure directly to the department, including information regarding any disciplinary action.

(5) The temporary authorization certificate will not include the areas of elementary education, grades 1-6; early childhood, birth-grade 3; early childhood special education, birth-grade 3; blind and low vision, birth-grade 12; deaf and hard of hearing, birth-grade 12; counselor, kindergarten-grade 8; and counselor, grades 7-12. Applicants for the areas of driver’s education, grades 9-12; English language learners, kindergarten-grade 12; gifted education, kindergarten-grade 12; special reading, kindergarten-grade 12; and math specialist, grades 1-6 must hold a professional teaching certificate of license to teach.

(6) The applicant for a temporary authorization certificate (excluding a temporary authorization administrator and career education certificate) must comply with the following criteria:

(A) Possession of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the subject area to be taught or a closely related field or demonstration of exceptional experience in the subject area to be taught or demonstrate completion of a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours in the content area from a regionally accredited college or university.

1. Applicants for a special education temporary authorization certificate must possess a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university;

(B) Possession of an overall grade point average of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and a content area grade point average of 3.00 or higher on a 4.0 scale;

(C) Submission of a joint application verifying contracted employment with a Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school;

(D) If this is the applicant’s initial certificate of license to teach, documentation of a plan of study based upon required certification competencies incorporated in classes provided by an accredited college or university. If the applicant holds an initial Missouri professional or life certificate of license to teach and is seeking an additional certificate of license to teach, a transcript analysis from the department based on the requirements set forth by the board must be submitted.

(7) The applicant for a temporary authorization administrator certificate must comply with the following criteria:

(A) Possession of a valid Missouri professional teaching certificate of license to teach;

(B) Completion of three (3) years teaching experience at the appropriate grade levels for which the temporary authorization administrator certificate is sought in a public school or an accredited nonpublic school, or a combination of such schools;

(C) Possession of a master’s or higher degree or currently enrolled in a state approved master’s or higher degree program for the preparation of a school administrator;

(D) Submission of a joint application verifying contracted employment with a Missouri
public school district or accredited nonpublic school.

(8) The applicant for a temporary authorization career education certificate must comply with the following criteria:

(A) Verification of one (1) of the following:
   1. Possession of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the subject area being taught and four thousand (4,000) hours of department approved, related occupational experience obtained within the most recent ten (10) years;
   2. Possession of an associate's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the subject area being taught and five thousand (5,000) hours of department approved, related occupational experience obtained within the most recent ten (10) years;
   3. Six thousand (6,000) hours of department approved, related occupational experience obtained within the most recent ten (10) years;
   4. For the area of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), an official letter from the appropriate branch of the armed services indicating that the applicant is an approved Junior ROTC instructor.

(9) The temporary authorization certificate (excluding a temporary authorization administrator and career education certificate) is valid for up to one (1) school year. It may be renewed annually for three (3) subsequent years by joint application from the certificate holder and the employing Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school upon demonstration of the following:

(A) Continued contracted employment with a Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school;

(B) Documentation of successful performance-based teacher evaluation based upon the Missouri Educator Evaluation System by the sponsoring Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school;

(C) Documentation of participation in a mentoring program by the sponsoring Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school; and

(D) Completion of nine (9) semester hours of course work toward the administrative certificate of license to teach. The appropriate hours will be determined by the state approved program for the preparation of an administrator certificate of license to teach as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.610.

(10) The temporary authorization administrator certificate is valid for up to one (1) school year and may be renewed annually for three (3) subsequent years. It may be renewed annually by joint application from the certificate holder and the employing Missouri public school district upon demonstration of the following:

(A) Continued contracted employment as an administrator with a Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school;

(B) Documentation of participation in a mentoring program by the sponsoring Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school; and

(C) Completion of nine (9) semester hours of course work toward the administrative certificate of license to teach as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.610.

(11) The temporary authorization career education certificate is valid for up to one (1) school year. It may be renewed annually for three (3) subsequent years by joint application from the certificate holder and the employing Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school upon demonstration of the following:

(A) Continued contracted employment with a Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school;

(B) Documentation of successful performance-based teacher evaluation based upon the Missouri Educator Evaluation System by the sponsoring Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school;

(C) Documentation of participation in a two (2) year mentoring program by the sponsoring Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school; and

(D) Completion of six (6) semester hours of course work toward the career education certificate of license to teach in the area of assignment based upon the requirements set forth by the board.

(12) An individual may qualify for a professional classification certificate of license to teach upon documentation of the following:

(A) The certificate holder has been teaching under a temporary authorization certificate of license to teach for a minimum of two (2) years;

(B) Achievement of a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as promulgated by the rules adopted by the board;

(C) Documentation of successful performance-based teacher evaluation based upon the Missouri Educator Evaluation System by the sponsoring Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school;

(D) Documentation of participation in a two (2) year mentoring program by the sponsoring Missouri public school district or accredited nonpublic school; and

(E) Documentation of completion of a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours in the following professional education course work (excluding an administrator and special education temporary certificate):
   1. Psychology of the Exceptional Child;
   2. Behavioral Management Techniques;
   3. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;
   4. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in the Content Area Specialty;
   5. Methods of Teaching Reading at the appropriate level;
   6. Developmental Psychology at the appropriate level;
   7. English Language Learning; and
   8. Cultural Diversity; or

(F) Documentation of completion of a minimum of twenty-nine (29) semester hours in the following professional education course work for a special education temporary authorization certificate:
   1. Psychology of the Exceptional Child;
   2. Behavior Intervention Strategies;
   3. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (to include Intelligence Testing);
   4. Transition Processes, including Career Education or Career Readiness;
   5. Methods of Teaching Students in one (1) of the following areas:
      A. Cross-Categorical Disabilities; or
      B. Severely Developmentally Disabled;
   6. Methods of Teaching Reading;
   7. Analysis and Correction of Reading Disabilities;
   8. Methods of Teaching Mathematics;
   9. Methods of Teaching Remedial Mathematics;
   10. Counseling Techniques or Collaboration with Family, School, and Community;
11. Selection and use of assistive technology such as augmentative communication systems (only for the Severely Developmentally Disabled certificate of license to teach);

12. Alternative formats for communication including: nonverbal communication systems (only for the Severely Developmentally Disabled certificate of license to teach);

13. Speech and Language Development of the Exceptional Child;

14. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent; and

15. Cultural Diversity.

(13) The holder of a temporary authorization certificate shall ensure that the department has their current legal name and address.

(A) A holder of a temporary authorization certificate whose name is changed shall notify the department within ninety (90) days of the name change and provide a copy of the appropriate documents verifying the name change.

(B) A holder of a temporary authorization certificate whose address has changed shall inform the department in writing of the change within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the change.

(14) The applicant shall be informed of the decision regarding the application for a temporary authorization certificate.


5 CSR 20-400.190 Application for a Career Education Certificate of License to Teach

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the procedures for application for a career education certificate of license to teach.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri career education certificate of license to teach who possesses good moral character, the appropriate professional/technical skills and the appropriate educator course work may be granted a Missouri career education certificate of license to teach.

(2) Applications for a Missouri certificate of license to teach shall be submitted on the forms provided by the State Board of Education (board), accompanied by the appropriate fee and may be obtained by writing the Educator Certification Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) at PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or downloading from the Internet.

(3) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or DESE staff to be complete and the application is submitted on the forms provided by the board, signed and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(4) The applicant must have secured a teaching position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or post-secondary institution must request and endorse certification and/or renewal for the applicant.

(5) The applicant must comply with the specific requirements for the various career education certificates of license to teach as set forth in the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements (compendium), which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Anyone interested in viewing or requesting a copy of the compendium, published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (revised February 2012), may contact the Educator Certification Section, 205 Jefferson Street, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(6) If the applicant seeks a career education certificate of license to teach from DESE in an area which Missouri currently issues a professional license or certification, the applicant must possess a valid, unencumbered, undisciplined professional license or certificate from the professional licensing entity within Missouri.

(7) The applicant shall submit verification of certification or licensure directly to DESE including information regarding any disciplinary action from each state or United States’ territory regulatory entity in which a professional license or certification, the applicant must possess a valid, unencumbered, undisciplined professional license or certificate from the professional licensing entity within Missouri.

(8) Following review by DESE, the applicant shall be informed in writing of the decision regarding the application for a career education certificate of license to teach.

(9) The holder of a career education certificate of license to teach shall ensure that DESE has their current legal name and address.

(A) A holder of a career education certificate of license to teach whose name is changed shall notify DESE within ninety (90) days of the name change and provide a copy of the appropriate documents verifying the
name change.

(B) A holder of a career education certificate of license to teach whose address has changed shall inform DESE in writing of the change within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the change.

(10) The following career education certificates of license to teach may be issued and renewed as set forth in the compendium:

(A) Initial career education valid for four (4) years; and

(B) Career continuous career education.

(11) When an individual’s career education certificate of license to teach has expired for thirty (30) days, the individual must meet current requirements as set forth in the compendium.


(1) An applicant for a Missouri adult education and literacy (AEL) certificate of license to teach who possesses good moral character may be granted a Missouri AEL certificate of license to teach.

(2) Applications for a Missouri certificate of license to teach shall be submitted on the forms provided by the State Board of Education (board), accompanied by the appropriate fee and may be obtained by writing the Educator Certification Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) at PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or by downloading from the Internet.

(3) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or DESE staff to be complete and the application is submitted on the forms provided by the board, signed and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(4) The applicant shall submit verification of certification or licensure directly to DESE including information regarding any disciplinary action from each state or United States territory regulatory entity in which a professional license, including a certificate of license to teach, is held or has ever been held.

(5) The following AEL professional classification certificates of license to teach may be issued and renewed as set forth in the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements (compendium), which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. Anyone interested in viewing or requesting a copy of the compendium, published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (revised February 2012), may contact the Educator Certification Section, 205 Jefferson Street, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions:

(A) Initial AEL valid for four (4) years; and

(B) Career Continuous AEL.

(6) Following review by DESE, the applicant shall be informed in writing of the decision regarding the application for an AEL certificate of license to teach.

(7) When an individual’s AEL certificate of license to teach has expired for thirty (30) days, the individual must meet current requirements as set forth in the compendium.

5 CSR 20-400.200 Application for an Adult Education and Literacy Certificate of License to Teach

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the procedures for application for an adult education and literacy certificate of license to teach.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.


5 CSR 20-400.210 Application for Certification of License to Teach on the Basis of Certification by the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)

PURPOSE: The state board of education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the procedures for applicants to acquire certification through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE).

(1) In addition to all the criteria for application provided under 5 CSR 80-800.200, an initial four (4)-year certificate shall be issued to an applicant who has successfully obtained certification through the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) and upon verification by the school principal
of sixty (60) contact hours in any one (1) of the following areas:
(A) Sixty (60) contact hours in a public school or accredited nonpublic school classroom, of which at least forty-five (45) must be teaching;
(B) Sixty (60) contact hours as a substitute teacher in a public school or accredited nonpublic school, with at least thirty (30) consecutive hours in the same classroom; or
(C) Sixty (60) contact hours of teaching as a paraprofessional.

(2) Upon completion of the requirements listed in section (1) of this rule and completion of the requirements listed herein, an applicant shall be eligible to apply for a career continuous professional certificate:
(A) Completion of thirty (30) contact hours of professional development within four (4) years, which may include hours spent in class in an approved college curriculum;
(B) Completion of four (4) years of department-approved teaching experience;
(C) Development and implementation of a professional development plan;
(D) Completion of two (2) years in a district mentoring program approved by the state board of education or the ABCTE;
(E) Participate in the district’s Performance-Based Teacher Evaluations (PBTEs); and
(F) Participation in a beginning teacher assistance program.

(3) Certification authorized under this rule shall not be granted for the areas of early childhood education, elementary education, or special education.


### 5 CSR 20-400.220 Application for Substitute Certificate of License to Teach

**PURPOSE:** This rule outlines the procedures for application for a substitute certificate of license to teach.

(1) An applicant for a substitute Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed sixty (60) semester hours or more of college level credit from a regionally-accredited academic degree granting institution recognized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) may be granted a substitute Missouri certificate of license to teach pursuant to the rules promulgated by the State Board of Education (board).

(2) An applicant for a career/technical substitute Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed the following may be granted a substitute Missouri certificate of license to teach pursuant to the rules promulgated by the board:

   - A bachelor’s degree in an area appropriate for the career/technical area sought and four thousand (4,000) hours of department approved, related occupational experience; or
   - An associate’s degree in an area appropriate for the career/technical area sought and five thousand (5,000) hours of department approved, related occupational experience; and
   - Six thousand (6,000) hours of department approved, related occupational experience.

(3) Applicants may renew the substitute certificate of license to teach by completing the following requirements:

   - A new fingerprint background check clearance every four (4) years or when employed by a new school district; and
   - One (1) hour of professional development and/or district training annually.

(4) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or department staff to be completed and the application is submitted on the forms provided by the board, signed, and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

   - The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.


### 5 CSR 20-400.230 Discipline and Denial of Certificates of License to Teach

**PURPOSE:** The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state, establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates, and cause those certificates to be revoked, suspended, invalidated or deleted in a manner provided in state law. This rule establishes procedures for action by the State Board of Education.

(1) The State Board of Education (the board) may discipline, refuse to issue, or renew a certificate of license to teach for any one (1) or combination of the following:

   - An individual has pled guilty or been found guilty of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude whether or not sentence is imposed;
   - Certification was obtained through the use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery;
   - Evidence of the certificate holder’s incompetence, immorality, or neglect of duty;
   - The certificate holder has been subject to disciplinary action relating to certification in another state upon grounds for which discipline is authorized in Missouri; and/or
   - A certificate holder annulled a written contract with the local board of education for reasons other than election to the general assembly, without the consent of the majority of the local board members.

(2) School districts may file charges pursuant to section (1).

   - Charges must be in writing and signed by the chief administrative officer of the district or by the president of the board when so authorized by a majority of the board in those instances where the charges are filed by or on behalf of the school district’s local board of education.

   - Charges filed by or on behalf of the school district’s local board of education must be sworn by the party(ies) making the accusation, and filed with the Department of
Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

(C) Charges may be filed by the attorney general’s office on behalf of the school district for any one or combination of the causes in section (1) except annulment of a written contract.

(3) DESE may file charges for any one or combination of the causes in section (1), other than annulment of a written contract.

(A) Charges must be in writing and signed by legal counsel.

(4) Upon receipt of charges made pursuant to section 168.071, RSMo and filed with DESE, DESE shall provide at least thirty (30) days notice to the parties and may conduct a hearing.

(5) Except as provided in sections (6) and (7), the commissioner of education, or his/her designee(s) (hearing officer), shall conduct all hearings on charges filed to discipline a certificate(s) of license to teach as provided in section 168.071, RSMo. A transcript of the hearing along with findings of fact and conclusions of law will be forwarded to the members of the board. The board, at a regular meeting, will render a decision based upon the transcript of the hearing, exhibits and any other information presented at the meeting.

(A) Where the underlying conduct or action of the certificate holder is the basis of charges filed and such conduct or action is subject to pending criminal charges, the certificate holder may request in writing a delayed hearing on advice of his/her legal representation under the fifth amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

1. The request shall be submitted to the hearing officer, by the certificate holder or by legal counsel.

2. The request shall provide documentation of the pending criminal charge and contain a statement specifying what underlying conduct or actions are subject to the pending criminal charge.

(B) The hearing officer shall, based upon the request, suspend the hearing process until a trial is completed on the criminal charges.

(C) The hearing officer may accept into the record sworn testimony of a minor;

(D) Furnishing child pornography to a minor;

(E) Furnishing pornographic materials to minors;

(F) Coercing acceptance of obscene material.

(6) Upon documentation from a court of a plea of guilty or conviction of the following crime(s) whether or not sentence is imposed, an individual’s certificate of license to teach shall be revoked, or in the case of an applicant, not issued:

(A) Murder 1st Degree;

(B) Murder 2nd Degree;

(C) Arson 1st Degree;

(D) Assault 1st Degree;

(E) Forcible Rape;

(F) Forcible Sodomy;

(G) Kidnapping;

(H) Robbery 1st Degree;

(I) Rape;

(J) Statutory Rape 1st Degree;

(K) Statutory Rape 2nd Degree;

(L) Sexual Assault;

(M) Statutory Sodomy 1st Degree;

(N) Statutory Sodomy 2nd Degree;

(O) Child Molestation 1st Degree;

(P) Child Molestation 2nd Degree;

(Q) Deviate Sexual Assault;

(R) Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child;

(S) Sexual Misconduct 1st Degree;

(T) Sexual Abuse;

(U) Enticement of a Child;

(V) Attempting to Entice a Child;

(W) Incest;

(X) Abandonment of Child 1st Degree;

(Y) Abandonment of Child 2nd Degree;

(Z) Endangering the Welfare of a Child 1st Degree;

(AA) Abuse of Child;

(BB) Child Used in a Sexual Performance;

(CC) Promoting Sexual Performance by a Child;

-DD) Trafficking in Children; and

(EE) Offenses Involving Child Pornography and Related Offenses:

1. Promoting obscenity 1st degree;

2. Promoting obscenity 2nd degree if penalty is enhanced to Class D Felony;

3. Promoting child pornography 1st degree;

4. Promoting child pornography 2nd degree;

5. Possession of child pornography 1st degree;

6. Possession of child pornography 2nd degree;

7. Furnishing child pornography to a minor;

8. Furnishing pornographic materials to minors;

9. Coercing acceptance of obscene material.

(7) An individual who has had their certificate(s) of license to teach revoked pursuant to section (6) may appeal, in writing, said revocation to the commissioner of education within ninety (90) days of notice of the revocation. Upon receiving the intent to appeal, a hearing will be held before a hearing officer. The individual will be given not less than thirty (30) days notice of the hearing, the opportunity to be heard, and the opportunity for witnesses. A transcript of the hearing along with findings of fact and conclusions of law will be forwarded to the members of the board. The board, at a regular meeting, will render a decision based upon the transcript of the hearing, exhibits and any other information presented at the meeting. The board’s decision may be appealed to the circuit court as provided in section (9).

(8) The board may suspend or revoke for a specified time, or indefinitely, a certificate of license to teach pursuant to the rules promulgated by the board. The board may also accept a voluntary surrender or informally settle a case through a consent agreement or agreed settlement.

(9) Within thirty (30) days of the board’s final decision, an individual may file a petition for judicial review pursuant to sections 536.100 to 536.140, RSMo.

(10) When a local board of education learns that a certificate holder has pled guilty or is found guilty of any felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; whether or not sentence is imposed under the laws of this state, or any other state, of the United States or any other country, the local board of education shall immediately provide written notice to DESE and the Office of the Attorney General.

(A) Written notice shall contain the following information, if known:

1. Certificate holder’s name;

2. Social Security number;

3. Date of birth;

4. Last known address; and/or

5. Information regarding the criminal record.


5 CSR 20-400.240 Deletion of Certificates of License to Teach

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state under the provisions of section 168.021, RSMo and to establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates and cause those certificates to be revoked, suspended, invalidated or deleted in a manner provided in section 168.071, RSMo. This rule establishes procedures for action by the State Board of Education.

1. A certificate holder requesting deletion of a certificate(s) of license to teach and/or endorsement(s) must submit a notarized statement in the form required by the State Board of Education specifically requesting the deletion(s).

2. In the event the individual is employed to teach in any public school in Missouri, the board of education of the employing school district must formally approve and consent, by majority vote, to the deletion sought by the teacher. Upon written verification by the district superintendent that the teacher has not taught within the last three (3) years in the specific subject matter area for which deletion is requested, approval of the local board of education is not required.

3. Applicants applying for reissuance of their certificate(s) of license to teach and/or endorsement(s) which have been deleted pursuant to the rules promulgated by the state board will be required to meet, in full, the certification requirements that are in effect at the time the new application is made.


5 CSR 20-400.260 Certificate of License to Teach Classifications

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the classification of certificates of license to teach.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

1. Certificates of license to teach are issued and renewed by the State Board of Education (board) pursuant to the certification requirements found in the Compendium of Missouri Certification Requirements (compendium), which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule, and the rules promulgated by the board. Anyone interested in viewing or requesting a copy of the compendium, published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (revised February 2012), may contact the Educator Certification Section, 205 Jefferson Street, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

2. Effective dates for initial certificates of license to teach, except for substitutes certificates of license to teach, are as follows:
   (A) June 1, when the application is received from May 1 through July 31;
   (B) August 15, when the application is received from August 1 through November 30; or
   (C) January 1, when the application is received from December 1 through April 30.

3. If a certificate of license to teach is renewed, except for a substitute certificate of license to teach, the effective date of renewal will be the date of expiration of the certificate of license to teach, providing that the application for renewal and supporting materials are received by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) prior to or on the expiration date.
   (A) If the renewal of the certificate of license to teach is received by DESE within eleven (11) months of the expiration date of the certificate or a shorter time if specified in the rules promulgated by the board, the effective date of renewal will be the certificate’s expiration date.
   (B) If an individual’s certificate of license to teach renewal is received after the certificate has expired for more than eleven (11) months or a shorter time if specified in the rules promulgated by the board, the individual must meet the current certification requirements as set forth in the compendium unless extenuating circumstances exist and the individual obtains the approval of the commissioner of education.

4. Certificates of license to teach may be issued pursuant to the rules promulgated by the board, to individuals in the following classifications:
   (A) Initial Professional Classification (IPC); and/or
   (B) Career Continuous Professional Classification (CCPC) (doctoral applicants are ineligible to advance to the CCPC level).

5. For the purpose of this rule, one (1) contact hour for professional development is defined as—
   (A) Sixty (60) minutes of professional development; or
   (B) One (1) hour college credit equals fifteen (15) contact hours of professional development.

6. Initial Professional Classification (IPC)—
   (A) A four (4) year IPC classification will be issued to applicants who meet the certification requirements and possess less than four (4) years of state-approved teaching
experience;

(B) During the valid dates of the IPC classification, the certificate holder shall complete the following requirements:

1. Verification of four (4) years of state-approved teaching experience;

2. Develop and implement a professional development plan of at least thirty (30) contact hours, approved by the employing school district, to include clearly stated goals for improvement and enrichment;

3. Participate in a mentoring program for a minimum of two (2) school years, the guidelines for which shall be established by the local board of education;

4. Participate in a beginning teacher assistance program designed in cooperation with a Missouri teacher education program to include, but not be limited to, assistance in classroom management, instructional strategies and ongoing support; and

5. Participate in the district’s Performance-Based Teacher Evaluations (PBTEs);

(C) Individuals who have not been employed in a school setting may renew their certificate upon a showing of good cause and the following:

1. Written request for renewal; and

2. Documentation of completion of a plan to complete twenty-four (24) contact hours of professional development within six (6) months prior to or after returning to an educational position.

(7) Career Continuous Professional Classification (CCPC)—

(A) A CCPC classification will be issued to an applicant upon completion and verification of the following:

1. Four (4) years of state-approved teaching experience;

2. The development and implementation of a professional development plan of at least thirty (30) contact hours approved by the employing school district to include clearly stated goals for improvement and enrichment;

3. Participation in a mentoring program for a minimum of two (2) school years, the guidelines for which shall be established by the local board of education;

4. Participation in a beginning teacher assistance program designed in cooperation with a Missouri teacher education program to include, but not be limited to, assistance in classroom management, instructional strategies and ongoing support; and

5. Participation in the district’s PBTEs;

(B) The CCPC classification is continuous upon verification by the employing school district that the certificate holder has completed fifteen (15) contact hours of professional development per school year;

1. Individuals possessing a CCPC who do not complete fifteen (15) contact hours of professional development each school year, may within two (2) school years make up the missing hours. The individual must first meet the fifteen- (15-) hour requirement for the current school year and then count the excess hours as makeup hours;

2. A CCPC becomes inactive if the individual does not make up the requisite hours within two (2) school years; and/or

3. A CCPC may be reactivated by the individual completing twenty-four (24) contact hours of professional development within six (6) months prior to or after the reactivation of the certificate. Failure of the individual to complete the twenty-four (24) contact hours within six (6) months will result in the certificate becoming inactive; and

(C) The CCPC holder is exempt from the fifteen (15) contact hours of professional development, if the holder has a local professional development plan in place with the school and at least two (2) of the following:

1. Ten (10) years of state-approved teaching experience;

2. A master’s degree from an accredited college or university; and/or

3. Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or for school psychologists, the certificate of nationally certified school psychologist issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), or for speech-language pathologists, the certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

(8) Any level of a Missouri professional classification shall be extended for a teacher whose service is interrupted due to a reduction in force (RIF) or military service.

(9) Individuals who have not been employed in a school setting for three (3) or more school years may reactivate the appropriate level of professional classification certificate of license to teach by completing twenty-four (24) contact hours of professional development within six (6) months prior to or after returning to an educational position.

(10) The local district and teacher shall submit, on an upgrade application form provided by DESE, a request for renewal and/or continuation of a particular classification level; verification that the teacher has completed the requirements of a particular classification level and/or the request for advancement to the next classification level.

(11) Any certificate holder denied certification by the board pursuant to this rule may appeal the decision pursuant to the rules promulgated by the board.

(12) Any certificate holder’s disagreement with the school district’s verification of requirements for the classification levels shall be dealt with through an appeal process developed by the school district’s local board of education.

(13) Approved teaching experience, as described in the rules promulgated by the board, must be in Missouri public schools, schools approved or accredited by the state education agency in states other than Missouri, or in nonprofit schools accredited by an affiliate of the National Federation of Nonpublic School State Accrediting Associations, or one (1) of the six (6) regional accrediting associations for schools and colleges, or by the University of Missouri-Columbia, or other schools accredited by a DESE-approved accrediting agency which incorporate standards that include an entry-year mentor program, professional development plans for faculty, in-service training for faculty, and PBTEs. Teaching experience must be contracted and at least half-time. Substitute teaching or serving as a teacher’s aide or assistant will not be counted as teaching experience.

(14) Provisional certificates of license to teach may be issued to an individual for two (2) years and may be extended upon a showing of good cause. Provisional certificates of license to teach may be issued in the following situations:

(A) A two- (2-) year provisional certificate of license to teach may be issued to an individual who has completed the academic requirements for a certificate of license to teach, but has not taken or passed the exit assessment(s) designated by the board; or

(B) A two- (2-) year provisional certificate of license to teach may be issued to an individual who has been admitted into a state-approved post-baccalaureate or alternative professional education program at a Missouri institution of higher education and is actively engaged in coursework to satisfy the requirements of the program; or

(C) A two- (2-) year provisional certificate of license to teach may be issued to an individual who has completed a teacher preparation program and is generally within twelve (12) semester hours of completion of the certification requirements as set forth in the compendium.

(15) Administrator certificates of license to
teach may be issued to an individual and renewed pursuant to the requirements found in the compendium and the rules promulgated by the board.

(16) Student services certificates of license to teach may be issued to an individual and renewed pursuant to the requirements found in the compendium and the rules promulgated by the board.

(17) Substitute certificates of license to teach may be issued to an individual for four (4) years pursuant to the requirements found in the compendium and the rules promulgated by the board.

(18) Career education certificates of license to teach may be issued to an individual and may be renewed pursuant to the requirements found in the compendium and the rules promulgated by the board.

(19) Adult education and literacy certificates of license to teach may be issued to an individual and may be renewed pursuant to the requirements found in the compendium and the rules promulgated by the board.

(20) Temporary authorization certificates of license to teach may be issued to an individual for one (1) year and may be renewed pursuant to the requirements found in the compendium and the rules promulgated by the board.


5 CSR 20-400.270 Fees

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the fees assessed.

(1) The State Board of Education (board) shall establish fees sufficient to recover costs of processing and issuing certificates of license to teach. All applicants for a certificate of license to teach shall submit the approved application accompanied by the required fee.

(2) All fees are nonrefundable.


5 CSR 20-400.280 Procedure for Potential Candidates for Missouri Certificate of License to Teach with a Criminal History to Petition the State Board of Education for Background Clearance

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedure for a potential candidate for Missouri certificate of license to teach with a criminal history to petition the State Board of Education for a professional background clearance.

(1) Potential candidates for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who are currently enrolled in professional education courses in conjunction with state-approved teacher preparation programs may petition the State Board of Education (board) for provisional clearance of their background, enabling possible issuance of a Missouri certificate of license to teach upon completion of their teacher preparation program and pursuant to the rules promulgated by the board.

(2) A potential candidate may apply to petition the board for background clearance by completing and submitting the background check form. The form is provided by the board and may be obtained by writing the Educator Certification Section of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) at PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or the form may be downloaded from the Internet. The form contains the following:

(A) Applicant’s full name, date of birth and Social Security number;

(B) Applicant’s residential address;

(C) Details regarding teaching certificates or similar titles held, including but not limited to disciplinary actions, denials, restrictions, revocations, voluntary surrenders, suspensions, reprimands and/or investigations;

(D) Details regarding being found guilty, plea of guilty, receipt of a suspended imposition of sentence or entering a plea of nolo
contendere for any violation of any laws of a state, the United States or any other country, other than a traffic violation; and

(E) Details regarding any pending complaints and/or investigations before any regulatory board or agency.

(3) A potential candidate wishing to petition the board shall request and obtain documentation of current enrollment in a professional education course in conjunction with a state-approved teacher preparation program from the designated official of the institution.

(4) A potential candidate wishing to petition the board for background clearance shall request that each state or United States territory regulatory entity in which a professional license including a certificate of license to teach is held or has ever been held to submit verification of certification or licensure directly to DESE, including information regarding any disciplinary action.

(5) The background check form is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or DESE staff to be complete and the application is submitted on the forms provided by the board, signed and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the board within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.


5 CSR 20-400.300 Procedures and Standards for Approval of Professional Education Programs in Missouri

PURPOSE: This rule provides procedures and standards for approval of professional education programs in baccalaureate degree granting colleges and universities in Missouri. The rule also provides procedures and standards for approval of preliminary teacher education programs in associate's degree granting colleges in Missouri and acceptance of academic credits from these colleges for purposes of meeting requirements for teacher certification.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here:

(A) Annual reports. Written reports prepared by the professional education unit each year attesting to its continuing capacity to meet the standards and requirements of the State Board of Education (board);

(B) Approved. The action by the board authorizing a professional education program(s) to recommend candidates for certification as a result of the program having demonstrated compliance with all of the standards for the preparation of educational professionals, not to exceed seven (7) years;

(C) Candidate. An individual admitted to or enrolled in a program for the preparation of teachers or other professional school personnel;

(D) Certification. The official recognition by the board that an individual has met state requirements and is, therefore, approved to practice as a duly certified/licensed education professional;

(E) Approved with conditions. The action by the board authorizing a professional education program to recommend candidates for certification for a period, not to exceed two (2) years, with conditions and limitations stipulated by the board. This decision indicates that a program is not in compliance with one (1) or more of the standards used to evaluate the program;

(F) Disapproved. The action by the board to deny or revoke the authorization of a professional education program to recommend candidates for state certification;

(G) Evaluation team. A team selected by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for the purpose of conducting an on-site review and evaluation of an institution’s professional education unit and programs; the team includes a member of DESE, faculty from elementary or secondary schools and institutions of higher education possessing board approved professional education programs;

(H) Interim review. A review conducted during a period of program approval, consistent with board procedures and standards and authorized by the commissioner of education (commissioner) when s/he has reason to believe that an institution or an approved program is no longer in compliance with state standards;

(I) Preliminary teacher education program. A program that provides the introductory or early phases of teacher preparation culminating in a two (2)-year associate’s degree;

(J) Professional education unit. A college, school, department, or other administrative entity within an institution of higher education that is primarily responsible for the initial and advanced preparation of teachers and other professional school personnel; and

(K) Professional education program. A planned sequence of courses and experiences for preparing teachers or other professional school personnel to work in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve (PK–12) schools.

(2) Professional education programs offered by institutions of higher education in Missouri shall be evaluated according to the Missouri Standards for Teacher Education Programs (MoSTEP) and the Benchmarks for Preliminary Teacher Education Programs, along with a glossary (October 2006) which are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule, as published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Educator Preparation, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(3) In lieu of MoSTEP, the board may accept the standards of any accrediting agency used for the evaluation of a professional education unit in an institution of higher education if the agency is approved by the United States Department of Education and has established a formal agreement with DESE.

(4) An institution of higher education seeking initial approval of its professional education program(s) shall submit a written request and supporting documentation in accordance with the standards and procedures in MoSTEP.
(5) An institution of higher education with state-approved professional education program(s) shall submit to DESE annual reports in a form consistent with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

(6) An evaluation team shall conduct an on-site review of an institution’s professional education program(s) to determine compliance with MoSTEP and shall prepare a report for the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall review the evaluation team’s report and may request additional information from the institution before recommendations are made to the board.

(8) The commissioner shall recommend to the board that the professional education program(s) of the institution be approved, approved with conditions or disapproved. The commissioner’s recommendation shall not include disapproval of programs for which the institution was not afforded an opportunity for a hearing according to the provisions of Chapter 536, RSMo.

(9) The board shall review the recommendations of the commissioner and shall approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove an institution’s professional education program(s). The board shall not disapprove programs for which the institution was not afforded an opportunity for a hearing according to the provisions of Chapter 536, RSMo.

(A) Should the board approve with conditions any professional education program(s) offered by an institution, the institution’s authorization to recommend candidates for certification shall not exceed two (2) years with conditions and limitations stipulated by the board. Approved with conditions for a professional education program(s) shall not be extended or renewed without consent of the board or its designee.

(B) Should the board disapprove any professional education program(s) offered by an institution of higher education, the commissioner shall notify the institution of the decision and inform the institution of the reasons for the decision.

(10) The commissioner may authorize an interim review of a professional education unit or an approved professional education program(s) in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board. As a result of the review, and upon the recommendation of the commissioner, the board may disapprove a unit’s or program’s authorization to recommend candidates for certification.

(11) Requisite conditions, guidelines, procedures and standards, as set forth in the rules and regulations promulgated by the board, shall be followed by any institutions seeking board approval of their professional education program(s).

(12) DESE will accept academic credits from state-approved preliminary teacher education programs in Missouri’s community colleges to meet general education, subject knowledge and/or professional education competencies required for certification.

(13) All institutions of higher education in Missouri seeking approval for preliminary professional education programs shall be reviewed and evaluated by DESE and approved by the board pursuant to MoSTEP and the Benchmarks for Preliminary Teacher Education Programs.


(1) All educator preparation programs shall verify that each applicant for formal admission to an approved educator preparation program has demonstrated basic educational competencies by achieving a passing score, as approved by the State Board of Education (board), for each subtest of the approved general knowledge and skills assessment prior to her/his admission (see Appendix A).

(2) All educator preparation programs recommending an applicant for an initial Missouri teaching certificate shall furnish the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) with the following information and documentation:

(A) A completed application form which shall be provided by the department;

(B) An official transcript(s);

(C) A computation of the applicant’s grade point average verified and signed by an appropriate program official;

(D) Verification that the applicant has achieved a passing score as determined by the board for each subtest of the general knowledge and skills assessment for entry into teacher education (see Appendix A); and

(E) A statement of competency determination of an applicant with handicapping conditions as evaluated at the educator preparation program for basic educational competency through appropriate testing instruments and/or procedures by psychometrists designated or approved by the appropriate official of the educator preparation program.

APPENDIX A

Policies for the Board-Designated General Knowledge and Skills Assessment

1. Candidates must obtain a satisfactory rating in each of the subtests (English, Language Arts including writing, mathematics, science, and social studies) independently.

2. Candidates who do not obtain a satisfactory rating for any particular subtest (English, Language Arts including writing, mathematics, science, and social studies) may opt to retake the entire examination or only the unsatisfactory subtest(s).

3. Candidates will have two (2) years from the first attempt to obtain a satisfactory rating in all of the subtests of the general knowledge and skills assessment (English, Language Arts including writing, mathematics, science, and social studies), after which time they must begin anew the requirement for obtaining a satisfactory rating in all subtests.

5 CSR 20-400.310 Basic Education Competencies Required Prior to Admission to Approved Teacher Education Programs in Missouri

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to be a professional educator in any of the public schools of the state and to establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This regulation establishes 1) a requirement that all students shall demonstrate basic educational competencies prior to formal admission into the approved programs in Missouri and 2) procedures for implementation.
4. Once satisfactory ratings have been obtained in all of the subtests of the general knowledge and skills assessment, these scores will remain valid permanently.

5. Candidates may retake the examination as many times as they choose and as frequently as it is offered, but not more than once during any single statewide test administration period.

6. In the case of retakes, the highest rating obtained will be considered for the teacher entry criterion.

7. Candidates may use hand-held calculators during administration of the general knowledge and skills assessment.

8. Each educator preparation program shall make appropriate allowances for administering the general knowledge and skills assessment and the assessment of oral communication skills to candidates with physically handicapping conditions.

9. The general knowledge and skills assessment will be offered several times per calendar year according to a schedule established by the department with the advice of a committee representative of educator preparation programs and other appropriate persons.

10. Through a procedure for advance registration, candidates will be strongly encouraged to preregister for the general knowledge and skills assessment; however, candidates are permitted (at additional cost) to take the test without preregistering providing space and testing materials are available, and other logistical considerations can be accommodated at a particular test location.

11. Candidates who have achieved a baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education prior to seeking admission into an approved teacher education program shall be deemed to have achieved a satisfactory rating on all subtests and are not required to take the general knowledge and skills assessment.

12. The assessment of oral communication skills will follow the criteria and procedures designed by the commissioner of education.

13. The board shall determine an appropriate passing score for each subtest. These scores are subject to periodic review and revision by the board.


5 CSR 20-400.320 Innovative and Alternative Professional Education Programs

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the criteria for innovative or alternative programs for preparing candidates for a certificate of license to teach in Missouri.

(1) For purposes of this rule, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall mean:

(A) Alternative program. A program for the preparation of professional school personnel that provides a curriculum for post-baccalaureate degree candidates without professional education preparation to enable them to meet the requirements for state certification;

(B) Candidate for certification. An individual who has been admitted into a program for the preparation of teachers or other professional school personnel;

(C) Conceptual framework. The rationale and organizing principles that guide the development of the knowledge base, structure, operation, curriculum and accountability for a professional education program;

(D) Conventional program. A program for the preparation of professional school personnel that includes a curriculum of general education, content and professional studies, and clinical experiences designed for candidates who enter college upon graduation from high school and culminates in a bachelor’s or higher degree; and/or

(E) Innovative program. A program for the preparation of professional school personnel that includes all of the elements and requirements of a conventional program, but utilizes non-conventional methods for delivering the prescribed curriculum (ex. field-based instruction, distance learning via telecommunication or Internet, etc.)

(2) An institution of higher education having state-approved conventional professional education programs that prepare candidates for a Missouri certificate of license to teach may also offer innovative or alternative programs.

(A) An institution seeking to offer an innovative or alternative professional education program shall submit a proposal to the Educator Preparation Section at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) addressing the elements discussed in this section. Only those programs which DESE determines to have merit and potential for providing quality preparation for candidate certification will be considered for approval. The proposals should include at a minimum the following elements:

1. A description of the proposed program based upon a statement of the purpose and objectives for an area of the public school curriculum and a statement of the nature of the proposed program that is consistent with those objectives, the mission of the institution, and the conceptual framework for the professional education unit. These statements shall be based on analyses of current practices and trends in the identified area of the public school curriculum;

2. A clearly formulated statement of the competencies for educators in the identified area of the public school curriculum. These competencies shall include subject knowledge and professional skills based upon current research and practice and shall include the competencies for educators identified in the standards for professional education programs adopted by the State Board of Education (board);

3. A curriculum matrix delineating the courses and supervised field experiences prescribed to address competencies appropriate for a beginning teacher candidate to meet state certification requirements, a description of the process by which the candidates will be prepared, and provisions for assessing candidates and keeping records of their progress through the program;

4. Identification of the administrative structure of the proposed program indicating that responsibility for the program is vested in the professional education unit of the institution. Institutions shall designate the appropriate department, division, school, or college.
within the institution to act within the framework of general institutional policies on all matters relating to such programs;

5. Clearly identified human and physical resources to support the program. The continuing availability of the resources shall be assured for the duration of the program. Any resources not under the control of the institution shall be defined and confirmed by the controlling agency; and

6. A written plan for the continuing evaluation of the proposed program that includes definition and specifications of the kinds of evidence that will be gathered and reported to the institution and DESE at designated intervals. Evaluation reports shall provide information to identify areas in the program that need to be strengthened and/or to suggest new directions for program development.

(B) Innovative and alternative programs shall abide by and be evaluated according to the Missouri standards for professional education programs included in rules promulgated by the board.

An individual who meets the criteria established by a Missouri college or university for its conventional professional education programs may participate in an innovative program. Upon admission into an innovative program, the individual becomes a candidate for certification.

An individual may become a candidate in an alternative certification program offered by a Missouri college or university upon meeting the following criteria:

(A) The individual shall have earned a bachelor’s or higher degree in the content area or a closely allied field of the desired certification of license to teach from a regionally accredited institution and shall have a cumulative grade point average no lower than the Missouri requirement for teacher certification (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) and a grade point average no lower than 2.5 in the major (content) area;

(B) The individual shall participate in a structured interview conducted by faculty of the teacher education institution for screening, diagnostic and advising purposes;

(C) The individual shall undergo a background check conducted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which includes submitting to DESE two (2) full sets of fingerprints in a manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and paying the required fees;

(D) Upon admission into an alternative program, the individual becomes a candidate for certification;

(E) The candidate shall have completed or be enrolled in coursework, which addresses adolescent development, psychology of learning, and teaching methodology in the content area, prior to receiving provisional certification and teaching in a public school;

(F) The candidate shall enter into a four (4)-party academic contract with the college or university offering the alternative program, an employing Missouri school district and DESE, whereupon s/he shall receive a two (2)-year provisional certificate of license to teach and shall:

1. Be assigned by the school district a mentor who teaches the same subject and approximately the same grade level to observe and work with the candidate while s/he is teaching during the school day until the candidate completes the alternative program;

2. Receive any additional assistance, as determined by the college or university, until the candidate completes the alternative program;

3. Participate in the employing school district’s professional development programs; and

4. Participate in the employing school district’s Performance-Based Teacher Evaluation (PBTE) program;

(G) The candidate shall complete at least eight (8) additional semester hours of professional education coursework in the prescribed program of study during the year following the receipt of the provisional certificate; and

(H) The candidate’s teaching experience with the employing school district while participating in an approved alternative program shall satisfy the clinical experiences requirement for professional certification.

Prior to the expiration of his/her provisional certificate of license to teach, the candidate must successfully complete the exit assessment designated by the board for the Initial Professional Classification (IPC) certificate of license to teach.

Institutions shall be authorized to recommend for IPC certificates of license to teach candidates who complete approved innovative or alternative certification programs in accordance with the rules promulgated by the board.


5 CSR 20-400.330 Clinical Experience Requirements for Candidates in Professional Education Programs

PURPOSE: This rule establishes clinical experience requirements for candidates in professional education programs approved by the State Board of Education in all baccalaureate degree granting four- (4-) year colleges and universities in Missouri.

(1) For the purpose of this rule, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall mean:

(A) Accredited nonpublic school. A school that has met the standards of a state recognized accrediting agency and has received the approval of such agency;

(B) Board. Missouri State Board of Education;

(C) Clinical experiences. Supervised student teaching or internships that are conducted in approved educational settings such as a public or accredited nonpublic school or classroom. Students in professional education programs are immersed in the learning community and are provided opportunities to develop and demonstrate competence in the professional roles for which they are preparing;

(D) Clinical faculty. Faculty from schools, preschool-grade twelve (12), and institutions of higher education responsible for instructing, supervising, and assessing preservice education students during student teaching assignments, internships, or other field experiences;

(E) Cooperating teacher. A teacher with at least three (3) years experience in a public or accredited nonpublic school setting, having professional classification certification in the content area and grade range being taught, with whom preservice students are placed for student teaching or other field experiences to fulfill the requirements of a professional education program;

(F) Field experiences. Venues in which students in professional education programs may observe, assist, tutor, instruct, and/or conduct research. Field experiences may occur in off-campus settings such as public or accredited nonpublic schools or classrooms;

(G) Internship. A post-licensure or graduate clinical experience under the supervision of clinical faculty; may also refer to a preservice clinical experience during student teaching or other field experiences to fulfill the requirements of a professional education program;

(H) Mentor. An experienced teacher,
administrator, or other school professional with appropriate certification who provides support to a beginning educator by providing instruction, coaching, counseling, or other assistance in the performance of his/her duties and responsibilities;

(1) Preservice. The period of time during which a student is undergoing professional training to become a teacher, administrator, or other certificated school employee; and/or

(2) Each institution of higher education offering professional education program(s) for teacher certification shall require preservice teacher education students to complete clinical and other field experiences under the supervision of a qualified cooperating teacher and a qualified clinical faculty member from the institution’s professional education program in accordance with rules promulgated by the board, with the following exception:

(A) Programs having preservice teacher education students who have been employed in public or accredited nonpublic schools for at least two (2) years as teacher assistants shall accept such experiences in lieu of the institution’s professional education program comparable to a certificated teacher in a public school or accredited nonpublic school setting.

(2) Each institution of higher education offering professional education program(s) for teacher certification shall require preservice teacher education students to complete clinical and other field experiences under the supervision of a qualified cooperating teacher and a qualified clinical faculty member from the institution’s professional education program in accordance with rules promulgated by the board, with the following exception:

(A) Programs having preservice teacher education students who have been employed in public or accredited nonpublic schools for at least two (2) years as teacher assistants shall accept such experiences in lieu of the conventional student teaching requirement if the following conditions are met:

1. The preservice student’s experience as a teacher assistant was concurrent with the student’s participation in the professional education program and in the same content area and grade range for which the student is seeking certification;

2. The teacher assistant shall have conducted teaching activities comparable to those required for other preservice education students in conventional student teaching placements and demonstrating similar competencies;

3. The teacher with whom the teacher assistant served meets the qualifications for a cooperating teacher, as defined in this rule;

4. The teacher with whom the teacher assistant served has been provided training for observing and evaluating the assistant’s teaching practice through the institution providing the assistant’s professional education program or through the school or district’s mentor training program; and

5. The teacher assistant has been working with permission and under the authority of the principal of the school or a designee.


5 CSR 20-400.340 Administrative Procedures for the Teacher Education Scholarship Program
(Rescinded March 30, 2013)


5 CSR 20-400.350 Administrative Procedures for the Minority Teaching Scholarship Program
(Rescinded March 30, 2013)


5 CSR 20-400.360 Missouri Critical Teacher Shortage Forgivable Loan Program

PURPOSE: Section 168.600, RSMo, establishes a critical teacher shortage forgivable loan program. Upper division undergraduate or graduate level students enrolled full-time in approved teacher education programs leading to teacher certification would be eligible to apply for this program. This program would provide forgivable loans of up to four thousand dollars ($4,000) for undergraduate students and eight thousand dollars ($8,000) for graduate students who declared an intent to teach in Missouri public elementary and secondary schools in critical teacher shortage areas. The General Assembly makes an annual appropriation for the purpose of funding this program. This rule sets forth requirements for the implementation of this program.

1. The Missouri critical teacher shortage forgivable loan program contains the following:

(A) For the purpose of this rule, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, critical teacher shortage area shall mean:

1. Certification areas identified annually by the statistical analysis conducted by the Division of Teacher Quality and Urban Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and submitted to the U.S. Department of Education as critical teacher shortage areas; and/or

2. School buildings that serve low income families (one-third (1/3) or more of the students qualify for free and reduced price meals);

(B) An undergraduate forgivable loan may be awarded annually for two (2) undergraduate years and shall not exceed four thousand dollars ($4,000) per year, or for a maximum of three (3) years for programs requiring a fifth year of instruction to obtain initial teaching certification; and

(C) A graduate forgivable loan may be awarded annually for two (2) graduate years and shall not exceed eight thousand dollars ($8,000) per year.

2. Eligible candidates are residents of Missouri and will be chosen on a first come first served basis with preference given to applicants who declare an intent to teach in both an identified certification area and school building that serves low income families and who meet the following requirements:

(A) Are upper division undergraduate or graduate students attending full-time a Missouri higher education institution with a DESE approved teacher education program;

(B) Participate in a program of study leading to issuance of a certificate of license to teach;

(C) Has declared an intent to teach for at least the number of years for which a forgivable loan is received in Missouri public elementary and/or secondary schools of Missouri in a critical teacher shortage area;

(D) Have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate work (undergraduate students) or have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all graduate work (graduate students); and

(E) Agree to notify DESE annually on October 1 in the format and on the schedule prescribed by DESE, of his/her current status as a student during years of college attendance and as a teacher following receipt of a certificate of license to teach.
(3) Applications must be postmarked by May 1 on a form provided by DESE:
(A) Applications will contain the following:
1. Applicant’s name and residential address;
2. Applicant’s date of birth and Social Security number;
3. Name of the college or university attending;
4. Certification area being pursued; and
5. Declaration of intent to teach in a critical teacher shortage area.

(4) Following notification that the applicant has been selected to receive a loan, an applicant shall respond to DESE to accept or decline the loan no later than July 1. The loans shall be dispersed as follows:
(A) After the recipient has completed registration procedures at the college or university and is ready to attend class at the beginning of the first and second semester of the fiscal year, the financial aid officer or scholarship awards officer shall give the recipient a check from the state in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars ($2,000) for undergraduate or four thousand dollars ($4,000) for graduate students made payable to the recipient. The exact number of loans will be based upon legislative appropriation and the number of eligible applicants;
(B) At the beginning of the first and second semesters after the recipient has completed all enrollment requirements, is ready to attend class, and when the check from the state is delivered to the student, the recipient shall sign a promissory note which obligates the student to fulfill the commitment to be made by the recipient, with the provision that funds received shall be repaid according to the terms of this rule if the student defaults on the commitments; and
(C) The state board of education may set aside fifteen percent (15%) of the loans for awards to qualified minority recipients.

(5) Participating colleges or universities must:
(A) Be located in Missouri;
(B) Offer a teacher education program approved by DESE;
(C) Report immediately to DESE the name of any enrolled recipient who ceases study leading to teacher certification; and
(D) Agree to serve as agent for the state in obtaining notarized signatures of recipients on promissory notes, which will be sent by DESE to the designated college official along with the loan checks. The college or university agrees to return the signed and notarized promissory notes to DESE.

(6) Repayment.
(A) Credit for repayment of a forgivable loan shall be in the amount of two thousand dollars ($2,000) in loan principal plus applicable accrued interest for each full year of teaching in a critical teacher shortage area as defined in paragraph (1)(A)1. or 2. of this rule. However, credit in the amount of four thousand dollars ($4,000) in loan principal plus applicable accrued interest for each full year of teaching in a critical teacher shortage area as defined in paragraphs (1)(A) 1. and 2. of this rule.
(B) Any loan recipient who fails to complete initial certification requirements, fails to obtain a certificate of license to teach in a Missouri public elementary or secondary school in a critical teacher shortage area shall repay the loan plus interest accruing at eight percent (8%) annually. In order to provide for the servicing of such loans, DESE may sell such loans to the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority pursuant to state law and regulations.


5 CSR 20-400.370 Missouri Career Development and Teacher Excellence Plan

PURPOSE: Sections 168.500–168.515, RSMo establish a career advancement program, the Missouri Career Development and Teacher Excellence Plan, referred to as the career ladder program. Participation by local school districts in the Career Ladder Program shall be voluntary. The Career Ladder Program is a matching program of variable match rates established by statute. The general assembly makes an annual appropriation for the purpose of providing the state’s share of the Career Ladder Program. This rule sets forth guidelines for local district participation in the Career Ladder Program.

(1) For the purpose of this rule, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall mean:
(A) Career ladder salary supplement—The district may establish a salary supplement up to fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) for Career Stage I teachers, three thousand dollars ($3,000) for Career Stage II teachers and five thousand dollars ($5,000) for Career Stage III teachers. The state’s payment is contingent upon appropriations for this purpose;
(B) Department—The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;
(C) Eligible district—A school district which has adopted a local district career ladder plan and had that plan approved by the department according to standards and procedures established in this rule;
(D) Participating teacher—An individual employed full-time by a school district who is certified under rules governing teacher certification to serve as a classroom teacher, librarian, guidance counselor, school psychological examiner, parents as teachers educator, school psychologist, special education diagnostician, or speech pathologist and is on the district salary schedule and, as verified by a school district, has met criteria established for the career ladder; and
(E) School district—A school or group of schools governed by a locally elected board of education or the State Board of Education and operated at public expense.

(2) The department will provide school districts a model career ladder, guidelines and criteria for school district plans which meet the requirements established by statute and this rule.

(3) Each local school district desiring to participate in the Career Ladder Program shall submit an application and district plan to the Division of Urban and Teacher Education prior to July 15, 1996 and April 15 in subsequent years.

(4) Upon receipt of the school district’s career ladder application, the Division of Urban and Teacher Education will review plans for eligibility to participate in the variable match rate program. The local district’s career ladder plan will be evaluated to determine compliance with applicable statutes and standards and procedures established in the Criteria for Local District Career Ladder Plans (Appendix A).

(5) School districts will be notified of necessary modifications, eligibility or denial prior to August 1, 1996 and June 30, in subsequent years.

(6) Each eligible district shall identify participating teachers on Core Data collection forms provided by the department.

(7) Upon receipt of the Core Data information, the department will compile a list of participating teachers and determine the state
portion of the career ladder salary supplement according to the variable matching rate provisions of the law. The department will send to each district the list of participating teachers. The district will correct as necessary, verify this list and certify its accuracy to the commissioner of education on or before March 15.

(8) Upon receipt of the certified list, the department will schedule one (1) payment to occur in July in concert with regular payment of foundation program funds, contingent upon appropriations for this purpose, participating districts shall receive the appropriate reimbursement for Career Ladder Stage I in the first year of participation; Stages I and II in the second year; and Stages I, II and III in the third year.

(9) Eligible districts receiving career ladder salary supplements shall pay to each teacher an amount specified in the district application not to exceed the amounts provided by section 168.515(1), RSMo. If staffing/eligibility changes occur subsequent to the certification of the career ladder entitlement which cause the district to receive more or fewer funds necessary to implement the provisions of section 168.515, RSMo, the department shall be notified, with the modifications to Career Ladder Payment form by September 1, and the department will make an offsetting correction on the ensuing payment.

(10) Independent auditors retained by local districts will be responsible to examine district payroll records to determine if the proper career ladder supplemental pay has actually been paid to participating teachers as certified by the district to the department. Instances of noncompliance should be set forth in the audit report in the accountant’s report on state and federal compliance.


APPENDIX A
Criteria for Local District Career Ladder Plans

REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT CAREER LADDER PLAN

The local district shall develop and submit to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education a District Career Ladder Plan (DCLP). This plan will provide the organizational basis for the district’s career ladder. Development of a career ladder is voluntary for local school districts. When districts establish a career ladder plan, they also must accept the responsibility of raising the local portion of the funding. Teachers who clearly meet the Qualifications and Responsibilities established as specific criteria (168.500.2(3), RSMo) for the district Career school districts. When districts establish a career ladder plan, they also must accept the responsibility of raising the local portion of the funding. This plan will provide the organizational basis for the district’s career ladder. Development of a career ladder is voluntary for local

I. The DCLP shall contain a statement requiring that all responsibilities in the teacher’s Career Development Plan directly and obviously relate to improvement of programs and services for students as outlined in the District School Improvement Plan, Curriculum Development Plan, Professional Development Plan, Missouri School Improvement Program or instructional improvement.

II. The DCLP shall contain three (3) stages and the qualifications for each stage. The annual supplemental pay shall not exceed $1,500 for Stage I, $3,000 for Stage II, or $5,000 for Stage III. The state’s payment is contingent upon appropriations for this purpose (168.515.1., RSMo). This supplemental pay shall be in addition to that which the teacher would normally be accorded by the district’s salary schedule (168.505.1., RSMo).

III. Each career ladder stage shall contain specific qualifications to be completed prior to application (168.500.2., RSMo). These qualifications shall include:

A. Five (5) years of teaching experience in Missouri public schools for Stage I (168.500.2(5), RSMo).

B. A clearly defined level of performance relative to the district’s Performance Based Teacher Evaluation (PBTE) process for each stage on the career ladder (168.500.2(3), RSMo).

As stated in the state Model for PBTE, the EXPECTED PERFORMANCE LEVEL is a designation accorded to an EFFECTIVE teacher. Performance which clearly meets the district’s expected performance level shall be required for Stage I and performance which meets and exceeds the expected level shall be required for Stages II and III:

• At Stage I, the teacher shall show evidence of performance at the expected level on all of the criteria on the most recent final evaluation instrument in the district’s PBTE system.

• At Stage II, the teacher shall show evidence of performance at the expected level on all of the criteria on the most recent final evaluation instrument and above the EXPECTED level on 10% of the evaluative criteria included in the district’s PBTE system with at least one (1) of the criteria in the area of instructional process for teachers and librarians, guidance counseling process for counselors and the process area most closely related to specific job performance as it relates to students for school psychological examiners, parents as teachers educators, school psychologists, special education diagnosticians and speech pathologists.

• At Stage III, the teacher shall show evidence of performance at the expected level on all of the criteria on the most recent final evaluation instrument and above the EXPECTED level on 15% of the summative evaluative criteria included in the district’s PBTE system with at least one (1) of the criteria in the area of instructional process for teachers and librarians, guidance counseling process for counselors and the process area most closely related to specific job performance as it relates to students for school psychological examiners, parents as teachers educators, school psychologists, special education diagnosticians and speech pathologists.

In the PBTE system, the key emphasis is on the EXPECTED level of performance (EFFECTIVE teaching) and the percentage figures should be viewed as significant performance above the EXPECTED level. Unless otherwise approved by the department, the DCLP shall require no more than the percentages stated above.

C. A Career Development Plan to be organized by the teacher.

The Career Development Plan shall contain the responsibilities to be completed by the teacher while on the career ladder, and provisions for verifying completion of these responsibilities. Following approval by the district, these plans may be amended for good cause.

• To qualify for Stage II, a teacher shall have completed a Career Development Plan and two (2) years of service on Stage I of the career ladder. One (1) year of service on the previous stage may be waived by the local Board of Education based upon a total of seven (7) years teaching in the public schools.

• To qualify for Stage III, a teacher must have completed a Career Development Plan and three (3) years service on Stage II of the career ladder. Two (2) years of this service on the previous stage may be waived by the local Board of Education based upon a total of ten (10) years teaching in the public schools.

D. Appropriate certification in subject area for each teacher, except upon good cause shown (168.500.2., RSMo).

E. Full-time regular length contract.

F. The DCLP may contain additional qualifications deemed appropriate by the local Board of Education to the extent they are consistent with the provisions of 168.500—68.515, RSMo.
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IV. Each career ladder stage shall contain responsibilities commensurate and adjustable to the compensation offered for that stage that will be completed by the teacher while on the career ladder. These responsibilities shall directly and obviously relate to the improvement of programs and services for students as outlined in the District School Improvement Plan, Curriculum Development Plan, Professional Development Plan, Missouri School Improvement Program or instructional improvement. Responsibilities shall be detailed in the teacher’s Career Development Plan.

V. The local school district shall show evidence of teacher, administrator, and patron involvement in the development of the DCLP. Teachers selected for involvement should be chosen by teachers in the district.

VI. A Career Ladder Review Committee, consisting of teachers selected by other teachers in the district and administrators shall present to the local board a list of Career Ladder participants that have been approved for payment.

VII. The DCLP shall contain provisions for assessment of the district’s career ladder. Plans will be made for periodic assessment of the district’s career ladder under the direction of the local board of education with assistance from administrators, teachers, and patrons. Criteria for assessment shall include, but not be limited to, benefits for schools and students, and teacher interest and participation.

VIII. The DCLP shall contain the instrument, procedures and forms used in the district’s PBTE process.

IX. The DCLP shall contain evidence of continuous training for evaluators in PBTE. This training shall be comprehensive in nature and include, but not be limited to, knowledge of effective teaching, formative observation, summative evaluation and assistance to teachers in improvement of instruction. Training shall also address procedures for consistency and reliability among evaluators.

X. The DCLP shall contain procedures for appealing decisions made regarding approval or denial of application and placement on the career ladder (168.510, RSMo), including the right to substantive and procedural appeals of the PBTE. Procedures shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

A. An opportunity to have the decision reviewed by the authority/committee rendering the initial decision;
B. An opportunity to have the decision rendered in “A” reviewed by the superintendent of schools; and
C. An opportunity to have the decision rendered in “B” reviewed by the local board of education.

Appeal procedures shall be implemented in a timely fashion. All decisions made with respect to a teacher’s application to, and placement on, any stage of the career ladder shall be based on the qualifications for that stage as stated in the DCLP.

XI. The DCLP shall contain provisions for recognition of teacher mobility from one participating district to another within this state (168.500.4., RSMo).

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will periodically review local district plans and will collect information from local districts regarding the career ladder process. The local district must advise the department regarding amendments to the DCLP adopted by the local board of education following approval of the original DCLP by the department.
The Missouri Career Ladder Model

Adopted November 1995

Participation in the Career Ladder is voluntary for school districts and for individual educators.

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<td>4. PTE.* Educator meets &quot;expected&quot; level on all of the criteria on the most recent final evaluation instrument on the district's performance based evaluation.</td>
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*PTE.—Performance based evaluation, as required under Section 168.128, RSMo.

[Responsibilities must reflect high levels of sophistication.]

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5 CSR 20-400.375 Districts Effectively Evaluating Educators

PURPOSE: The growth and learning of children is the primary responsibility of those who teach in our classrooms and lead our schools. Student growth and learning can be observed and measured. Educators, in partnership with students, parents, and community, are accountable for ensuring the improvement of student achievement. Effective educator evaluation systems promote the improvement of professional practice resulting in the improvement of student performance.

(1) Pursuant to section 168.128, RSMo, the board of education of each school district shall maintain a comprehensive, performance-based evaluation for each teacher employed by the district. It is required that these evaluations shall be ongoing and of sufficient specificity and frequency to provide for demonstrated standards of competency and academic ability. With the primary goal of improving educator quality to promote high levels of student learning, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) establishes the following principles of effective evaluation:

(A) The evaluation process should use research-based performance targets aligned with state model teacher and leader standards;
(B) The evaluation process should establish indicators of performance articulated across differentiated levels with standards specifying expectations at all levels of practice;
(C) The evaluation process should be aligned with the probation period for the educator as specified in state law and provide for the accurate and appropriate accumulation of performance data;
(D) The evaluation process should use student growth in learning as a significant contributing factor in the evaluation of practice at all levels, using a wide variety of student performance measures;
(E) The evaluation process should assess performance on a regular basis, providing timely feedback from multiple sources that promotes formative development at all career stages and supporting overall improvement;
(F) The evaluation process should be designed to ensure that evaluators who collect evidence of performance and provide feedback are highly trained and objective, ensuring that ratings are fair, accurate, and reliable; and
(G) The evaluation process should be designed to guide district decisions regarding determinations of status, recognition, development, interventions, and policies that impact student learning in the system.

(2) These essential principles outlined here are the overall framework of Missouri’s model Educator Evaluation System. School districts not electing to adopt the state model shall align their local evaluation process to these same principles and shall submit their process to the department for review and approval.


5 CSR 20-400.380 Mentoring Program Standards

PURPOSE: This rule clarifies the standards for school districts and charter schools mentoring programs.

(1) A successful school district and charter school mentoring program shall include, but may not be limited to, the standards listed below:

(A) An introduction to the cultural environment of the community, school district and charter school, school building, and classroom that—
1. Introduces school district and charter school policies, procedures, and mission (educator and student handbooks, Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP), goals, etc.);
2. Introduces community characteristics/norms/local expectations (community tour, housing, medical facilities, faith community, etc.);
3. Encourages membership and participation in professional organizations at school district and charter school levels and state/national levels;
4. Addresses issues of diversity and equity;
5. Provides a systematic and ongoing process of introduction to data analysis, assessment practice and process, etc. (not a one- (1-) day workshop);
6. Includes school district and charter school initiatives and parental feedback; and
7. Defines professional, educational, and school district and charter school acronyms;
(B) A systemic and ongoing program review/evaluation by all stakeholders—
1. Identifies all stakeholders;
2. Identifies mentoring characteristics, outcomes, assessment tools, and timelines;
3. Gathers regular systematic, qualitative and quantitative feedback from mentor, mentee, and administrators to determine if mentoring is working;
4. Is based on a foundation of best practices;
5. Requires independent/anonymous exit interviews of staff (may be connected to beginning educators’ survey at state level) so clear reasons for staff departures can be determined;
6. Is supported by central office and school board—as evidenced by trend data; and
7. Is included in broader Professional Development program evaluation (locally and on Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) reviews);
(C) An individualized plan for beginning educators that aligns with the school district’s and charter school’s goals and needs that—
1. Is aligned with a school district and charter school evaluation tool that is aligned with the Essential Principles of Effective Evaluation as evidenced by Screen 18a of the Core Data System;
2. Is a systematic and specific two- (2-) year mentoring and professional growth plan that identifies priority indicators for beginning educators;
3. Aligns with a school district and charter school CSIP and certification requirements;
4. Establishes outcomes for new educators;
5. Is an extension or part of a professional development plan that may have begun during student teaching/internship or culminating project in college;
6. Establishes non-evaluative mentor observations that are guided by needs identified by mentor and mentee. Observations should include pre- and post- observation conferences, including reflective questions;
7. Encourages structured experiences and expectations for all new educators (planning time, meeting time, time management, etc.);
8. Establishes opportunities for mentees to observe master educators; and
9. Plans for completion of a required Beginning Teacher Assistance Program (BTA) aligned with the BTA guidelines;
(D) Collaborative selection of and support for mentors.
1. Current or retired educators selected to be mentors should—
A. Have a minimum of four (4) years of experience;
B. Exhibit enthusiasm and commitment to the profession, maintain confidentiality, and be respected by their colleagues;
C. Be committed to continuous learning, reflection, and mentoring;
D. Hold or have held a same or similar position/job or grade/subject area (in- or out-of-building/school district and charter school);  
E. Understand broad educational issues as well as specific teaching/education issues; and  
F. Have a strong understanding of pedagogy and instructional expertise in content area(s);  
  2. School districts and charter schools shall—  
A. Create mentor and mentee collaboration time (release time, common planning time, fewer additional assignments);  
B. Require mentor and mentee pairs to be collaboratively assigned by administrator(s) and local professional development committee member(s) with input from grade-level or department chair; and  
C. Support the mentoring process in time/effort by administration and school board;  
(E) Comprehensive mentor training and support that—  
1. Recognizes mentoring is NOT evaluation; confidentiality is required between mentor and mentee (except in situations of child endangerment);  
2. Includes cognitive coaching skills along with collaborative training;  
3. Includes observation and feedback training/skills;  
4. Provides an awareness of phases of first-year educators (stress, depression, etc.);  
5. Provides training on mentoring standards, performance-based evaluation requirements, certification requirements, and local expectations;  
6. Includes a catalogue of resources available for beginning educators;  
7. Recognizes the need for knowledge and strategies on classroom management;  
8. Encourages school districts and charter schools to form mentoring consortia (may use existing structures to form consortia (e.g., conference schools));  
9. Focuses on exemplary teaching and assessment practices;  
10. Builds working strategies that encourage problem solving and independent thinking;  
11. Provides understanding of student assessments and how educators can utilize them to guide instruction;  
12. Includes self-assessment and reflection that identifies whether mentoring is meeting both the mentor’s and mentee’s expectations; and  
13. Describes and provides a template for the mentor’s log – a written record of observations/meetings that includes dates and times signed by both the mentor and mentee;  
(F) A complete list of responsibilities for the mentor, beginning educator, and administrator(s) is addressed in Appendix A;  
(G) Sufficient time for mentors to observe beginning educators, and for the beginning educators to observe master educators by—  
1. Aligning class schedules and planning periods to complement mentoring duties;  
2. Utilizing state and local professional development funds or stipends to support mentors’ additional duties;  
3. Providing a minimum of four (4) class periods each year for mentor release time to coach, observe, and meet;  
4. Providing a minimum of four (4) opportunities for mentees to observe master educators each year; and  
5. Providing release time to attend professional conferences, trainings, and meetings.
APPENDIX A

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<td>Mentor attends training; PDC responsible for arranging ongoing mentoring training</td>
<td>Attends mentor training and supports mentor and mentee</td>
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<td>Provides awareness or expectation for graduates and may provide training for mentors</td>
<td>Provides ongoing regional training for mentors with cognitive coaching support</td>
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<td>INITIAL CONTACT</td>
<td>Seeks contact prior to beginning of school year</td>
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<td>Instructors student teachers on expectation of mentoring program</td>
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<td>COMMUNICATION</td>
<td>Seeks support and assistance with mentor and colleagues</td>
<td>Follows through on contacts and individualizes topics for mentee</td>
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<td>May provide school district wide and charter schoolwide opportunities for mentors and mentees</td>
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<td>Maintains confidentiality at all times and appreciates assistance</td>
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<td>Reviews documentation</td>
<td>Reviews formal professional growth plan</td>
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<td>Maintains and regularly evaluates personal growth plan; shares with mentor</td>
<td>Assists in development of the professional growth plan and encourages growth and career advancement</td>
<td>Supports new educators’ professional growth plans</td>
<td>Mentee and support team complete end-of-year school district and charter school checklist or assessment</td>
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<td>Network in and outside school district and charter school</td>
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5 CSR 20-400.385 Beginning Teacher Assistance Program

PURPOSE: Section 168.400, RSMo and section 168.021.1, RSMo establish the completion of a beginning teacher assistance program (BTAP) as a requirement of certification. This proposed rule establishes minimum requirements for an effective BTAP. A well-designed and implemented BTAP with ongoing support can improve practice, helping new educators have the skills and knowledge to positively impact student achievement.

(1) All new teachers are required to participate in a beginning teacher assistance program (BTAP) planned with assistance from a Missouri teacher education program and provided by an education association, regional service center, school district, or charter school. The BTAP is designed for teachers in their first or second year of teaching. The minimum requirements for the program shall include, but not be limited to, an overview of the topics listed below:
   (A) Classroom Environment—
      1. Classroom management techniques;
      2. Time, space, transitions, and activities management; and
   (B) Time, space, transitions,
   (C) Awareness of diverse classroom, school and community cultures;
   (D) Professional Communication—
      1. Effective communication with students, mentors, colleagues, and parents;
      2. Verbal and nonverbal communication techniques; and
      3. Effective use of technology and social media for communication; and
   (E) Education-Related Law—
      1. Certification requirements;
      2. Professional rights and responsibilities; and

(2) An effective program is aligned with professional development/growth plans focused on teaching standards and indicators as priorities for the first two (2) years of teaching, and provides on-going support during the years of BTAP.

5 CSR 20-400.390 State Level Professional Development Funds for Statewide Areas of Critical Need for Learning and Development

PURPOSE: This rule provides administrative guidelines for expenditure of professional development funds as provided in 160.530, RSMo.

(1) The primary purpose of the state-level professional development moneys is to address statewide areas of critical need, provided the following two (2) areas shall constitute priority uses for such money:
   (A) Funding operation of state management teams in school districts with academically deficient schools and providing resources specified by the management team as needed in these districts; and
   (B) Funding for grants to school districts for resources identified as necessary by the district for those districts which are failing to achieve assessment standards.

(2) The statewide areas of critical need for learning and development include:
   (A) Funding operation of management teams in school districts with academically deficient schools and providing resources specified by management teams as needed in these districts;
   (B) Funding for grants to school districts for resources identified as necessary by the district for those districts which are failing to achieve assessment standards;
   (C) Ensuring all children are successful in school, especially children at risk, children with special needs and gifted students;
   (D) Implementing and promoting programs to combat gang activity, violence and weaponry in the schools of the state;
   (E) Expanding adult literacy services; and
   (F) Training in use of new assessment techniques and the use of those assessments to improve student performance;
   (G) Cooperation with law enforcement authorities to expand successful anti-drug programs for students;
   (H) Strengthening existing curricula of local districts to stress drug and alcohol prevention;
   (I) Implementing and promoting programs to combat gang activity, violence and weaponry in the schools of the state;
   (J) Establishing family schools, where schools adopt proven models of one (1)-stop state services for children and families;
   (K) Public elementary and secondary schools; or
   (L) Other associations and organizations that provide professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators and boards of education.

5 CSR 20-400.385 Beginning Teacher Assistance Program


5 CSR 20-400.380 Beginning Teacher Assistance Program


5 CSR 20-400.390 State Level Professional Development Funds for Statewide Areas of Critical Need for Learning and Development

CSR 20-400.390, effective Aug. 16, 2011.

5 CSR 20-400.400 School Board Member Orientation and Training

PURPOSE: This rule establishes guidelines and requirements for school board member orientation and training as provided in section 160.530, RSMo and as required in section 162.203, RSMo.

(1) Beginning with Fiscal Year 1994 and for all fiscal years after that, the State Board of Education may expend funds as provided in section 160.530, RSMo for the benefit of members of boards of education.

(A) Training of members of boards of education in areas deemed important for the training of effective board members should include:

1. Issues of policy including purpose, development and management of policy and regulations and rules;
2. Relationships between board members and with various constituents such as superintendents and staff, patrons, the media and governmental entities;
3. Board planning including developing a vision, long-range and annual planning and evaluation of progress toward goals;
4. General procedures including topics such as ethics, parliamentary procedure, duties of officers, agenda setting and participatory decision making; and
5. Information on student performance techniques and reporting.

(B) The following procedures will be used in the administration of the program:

1. September: Applications mailed to all high school (public and private) principals and counselors;
2. January through March: Applications received and student data entered into computer;
3. April:
   1. Winners are selected on the basis of American College Test (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. In the event of a tie, the applicant’s unweighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) will be used. A transcript evaluation will be conducted for further ties. In instances when the number of scholarships is not evenly divisible by nine (9), an equal number will be awarded in each congressional district. The remaining scholarships will be declared at-large scholarships. These will be used to provide awards to both students in the event of a tie in scores. Any remaining scholarships will be awarded to the next highest scoring students statewide;
   2. Winners are sent an award letter, status verification form and statement of registration status; and
   3. Nonwinners are sent a letter of notification;
   (D) Status verification forms are received throughout the year; and
   (E) Scholarship checks are mailed directly to the students upon receipt of status verification forms.

PURPOSE: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has the authority to receive and expend federal funds for educational programs and to establish regulations for the administration of the programs in accordance with controlling federal statutes and regulations. This rule sets forth the general administrative procedures for the department’s implementation of the federally funded Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program.

PUBLISHER’S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(1) The provisions of 34 CFR part 654, the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, promulgated (59 FR 32657) June 24, 1994, are hereby incorporated by reference in this rule, as published by the Office of the Federal Register, U.S. National Archives and Records, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

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   (E) Scholarship checks are mailed directly to the students upon receipt of status verification forms.


5 CSR 20-400.420 Urban Flight and Rural Needs Scholarship Program

(Rescinded March 30, 2013)


5 CSR 20-400.440 Procedures and Standards for Approval and Accreditation of Professional Education Programs in Missouri

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to be a professional educator in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule provides procedures and standards for approval and accreditation of educator preparation programs in Missouri.
(1) Educator preparation programs in Missouri shall be approved and accredited according to the Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE), (November 2012), and are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule, as published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Educator Preparation, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(2) For the purpose of this rule, the official definition for all terms will be those articulated in MoSPE unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(3) Initial Approval.

(A) An educator preparation program seeking initial approval to offer either a traditional or an alternative professional education program shall submit a written proposal to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) addressing the elements discussed in this section. All such programs shall be reviewed by the department and approved by the State Board of Education (board) pursuant to MoSPE and as outlined below. Only those programs which the department determines to have merit and potential for providing quality preparation for candidate certification will be considered for approval. The proposals should include at a minimum the following elements:

1. A description of the proposed program based upon a statement of the purpose and objectives for an area of the public school curriculum and a statement of the nature of the proposed program that is consistent with those objectives, the mission of the organization, and the conceptual framework for the educator preparation programs. These statements shall be based on analyses of current practices and trends in the identified area of the public school curriculum;

2. A clearly formulated statement of the competencies for educators in the identified area of the public school curriculum. These competencies shall include subject knowledge and professional skills based upon current research and practice and shall include the competencies for educators identified in the MoSPE adopted by the board;

3. Curriculum matrix delineating the courses and supervised field and clinical experiences prescribed to address competencies appropriate for candidates to meet state certification requirements, a description of the process by which the candidates will be prepared, and provisions for assessing candidates and keeping records of their progress through the program;

4. Identification of the administrative structure of the proposed program indicating where the responsibility is vested in the educator preparation program;

5. Clearly identified resources as stipulated by MoSPE to support the program. The continuing availability of the resources shall be assured for the duration of the program. Any resources not under the control of the program shall be defined and confirmed by the controlling agency

6. A written plan for the continuing evaluation of the proposed program that includes definition and specifications of the kinds of evidence that will be gathered and reported to the organization and the department at designated intervals. Evaluation reports shall provide information to identify areas in the program that need to be strengthened and/or to suggest new directions for program development.

(4) Accreditation.

(A) Upon receiving initial approval, an educator preparation program must begin the process of seeking accreditation through the collection and submission of data in the form of annual reports consistent with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

(B) Based upon this reporting, the commissioner shall recommend to the board that an approved educator preparation program be accredited, provisionally accredited, or unaccredited. The commissioner’s recommendation shall not include the removal of accreditation of programs for which the program was not afforded an opportunity for a hearing according to the provisions of Chapter 536, RSMo.

(C) The commissioner shall review the Annual Performance Report and may request additional information before recommendations are made to the board.

(D) The commissioner may authorize an interim review of an educator preparation program in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board. As a result of the review, and upon the recommendation of the commissioner, the board may revoke the approval and accreditation thereby removing an educator preparation program’s authorization to recommend candidates for certification.

(E) Should the board disapprove any educator preparation program and/or one (1) or more of their individual areas of certification, the commissioner shall notify the program of the decision and inform the educator preparation program with reasons for the decision.

(F) Requisite conditions, guidelines, procedures, and standards, as set forth in the rules and regulations promulgated by the board, shall be followed by any educator preparation program seeking board approval.

(5) Alternative Program Considerations.

(A) Alternative programs shall abide by and be evaluated according to the Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators included in rules promulgated by the board.

(B) Educator preparation programs shall be authorized to recommend for Initial Professional Certification (IPC) certificates of license candidates who complete approved alternative certification programs in accordance with the rules promulgated by the board.

(C) An individual may become a candidate in an alternative certification program upon meeting the following criteria:

1. The individual shall have earned a bachelor’s or higher degree in the content area or a closely allied field of the desired certificate of license from a regionally accredited institution and shall have a cumulative grade point average no lower than the Missouri requirements as stipulated in the MoSPE standards, which is incorporated by reference into this rule. The individual shall participate in a structured interview conducted by the educator preparation program for screening, diagnostic, and advising purposes;

2. The individual shall undergo a background check conducted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which includes submitting to the department the required information in a manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and paying the required fees; and

3. The candidate shall enter into a four-(4-) party academic contract with the educator preparation program offering the alternative program, an employing Missouri school district and the department, whereupon s/he shall receive a two- (2-) year provisional certificate of license to teach and shall—

   A. Be assigned by the school district to a mentor who is engaged in professional education work comparable to the area the candidate is seeking certification for and who will observe and work with the candidate
until the candidate completes the alternative program;
B. Receive any additional assistance, as determined by the educator preparation program, until the candidate completes the alternative program;
C. Participate in the employing school district’s professional development programs;
D. Participate in the employing school district’s performance evaluation system; and
E. Prior to the expiration of her/his provisional certificate of license, the candidate must successfully complete the exit assessment(s) designated by the board for the IPC certificate of license.


5 CSR 20-400.450 Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation (MABEP)

PURPOSE: There is hereby established within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) the “Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation” (MABEP). MABEP shall advise the State Board of Education and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education as provided in this section and foster meaningful and substantial collaboration and transparency among all stakeholders in the interest of improving the quality of teacher preparation in Missouri.

(1) The Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation (MABEP) shall be comprised of fourteen (14) members, who shall be appointed as follows: five (5) members to be appointed by the State Board of Education (board) upon the recommendation of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, two (2) members selected by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, five (5) members to be selected by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education (coordinating board) upon the recommendation of the commissioner of higher education, and two (2) members to be selected by the commissioner of higher education. The commissioners of elementary and secondary education and higher education shall serve as ex officio members and thus shall not vote on matters before MABEP.

(A) The composition of MABEP shall consist of the following:
1. One (1) practicing certificated public school teacher who has served as a cooperating teacher, selected by the board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
2. One (1) practicing certificated public school administrator with direct responsibility for the evaluation of educators, selected by the board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
3. One (1) practicing human resource director for a public school district with direct responsibility for hiring, selected by the board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
4. One (1) practicing certificated public school teacher who has served as a teacher mentor, selected by the board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
5. One (1) practicing certificated superintendent of a public school, selected by the board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
6. One (1) representative of the public, to be appointed by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education. This representative shall not currently be a member of a local school board of education or education preparation governing board, nor ever have been employed as a public school educator, or in a professional position at any post-secondary education program;
7. One (1) employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) whose responsibilities include educator preparation and/or certification, selected by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education;
8. One (1) faculty member within an approved educator preparation program, selected by the coordinating board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of higher education;
9. One (1) dean or director of a college or program of educator preparation for a public four- (4-) year university, selected by the coordinating board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of higher education;
10. One (1) director of an educator preparation program of a public community college, selected by the coordinating board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of higher education;
11. One (1) dean of a college of education or director of an educator preparation program of an independent college or university, selected by the coordinating board upon the recommendation of the commissioner of higher education;
12. One (1) representative at-large from higher education, selected by the coordinating board of higher education upon the recommendation of the commissioner of higher education;
13. One (1) student enrolled in an approved program of educator preparation of public or independent university, selected by the commissioner of higher education; and
14. One (1) employee of the Department of Higher Education with responsibility for the approval of degree programs, selected by the commissioner of higher education.

(B) The duties and responsibilities of the MABEP shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
1. Meet with the commissioners of elementary and secondary education and higher education to discuss policy issues and proposed changes to standards and practices related to educator preparation programs;
2. Make recommendations to the commissioners of elementary and secondary education and higher education regarding the criteria and procedures for evaluation and approval of educator degree programs and educator preparation programs within the state;
3. Facilitate communication by inviting subject matter and educator preparation experts and constituencies with an interest in developing highly-effective educators to meet with the MABEP for the purpose of identifying, reviewing, and promoting best practices and standards in educator preparation and professional development;
4. Present annually to the board and coordinating board to discuss matters of mutual interest in the area of educator preparation as presented by the rotating chairs of MABEP; and
5. Maintain a record of deliberations for the purpose of keeping constituent groups with an interest in the maintenance of quality education preparation programs informed of issues and recommendations.

(C) MABEP shall meet at least two (2) times annually, but may meet more frequently if requested by either board, the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or the commissioner of higher education. MABEP shall be chaired by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education (or designee) and the commissioner of higher education (or designee) on alternating years.


5 CSR 20-400 Application for Certificate of License to Teach

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the procedures for application for a certificate of license to teach.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who possesses good moral character and has successfully completed an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) or earned a doctoral degree may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach in their major area of study, subject to the specific content area certification requirements established by the State Board of Education (board), which can be found in 5 CSR 20-400.500–5 CSR 20-400.700.

(2) Applications for a Missouri certificate of license to teach shall be submitted on the forms provided by the department, accompanied by the appropriate fee, and may be obtained by writing the Educator Certification Section of the department at PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or downloading from the Internet.

(3) An application is not considered officially filed with the board until it has been determined by the board or the department staff to be complete and the application is submitted on the forms provided by the department, signed, and accompanied by two (2) full sets of fingerprints with the appropriate fee as set by the Missouri State Highway Patrol (Highway Patrol) and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and any other applicable forms and/or fees. All information should be received by the department within ninety (90) days of the date of the application.

(A) The applicant is responsible for submitting the fingerprints in the manner acceptable to the Highway Patrol and/or FBI and the payment of any fees required by the Highway Patrol and/or FBI.

(4) The applicant shall submit verification of certification or licensure directly to the department, including information regarding any disciplinary action from each state or United States’ territorial regulatory entity in which a professional license, including a certificate of license to teach, is held or has been held.

(5) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed an educator preparation program approved by the department must comply with the following additional criteria in addition to any requirements specific to the content area for which the applicant seeks certification:

(A) The applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;

(B) The applicant must possess an overall grade point average to meet the following specifications:

1. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and in the major area of study;

2. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or

3. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate cumulative grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the board to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying cumulative grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score;

(C) The applicant must request and obtain the recommendation of the designated certification official from a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department; and

(D) The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department.

(6) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who possesses a valid certificate of license to teach from another state and who possesses good moral character may be granted a Missouri certificate of license to teach.

(7) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully obtained certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), or for school psychologists, the certificate of nationally certified school psychologists issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and possesses good moral character may be granted a Missouri certificate of license to teach in their area of NBPTS or NASP certification most closely aligned with the current areas of certification approved by the board. The certificate of license to teach will be an initial student services classification or a career continuous student services classification if the applicant possesses four (4) years of student services experience.

(8) An applicant for an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach who has earned a doctoral degree from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional accreditation agency including but not limited to the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant must have completed and provide documentation of a doctoral degree earned in an area of study for which an initial professional certificate (IPC) of license to teach may be issued;

(B) The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the pedagogy assessment approved by the department for the specific grade levels as defined in the rules promulgated by the board. The official score report shall be submitted to the department; and

(C) The applicant may only be granted an IPC level certificate of license to teach in their major area of study pursuant to the rules promulgated by the board. A career continuous professional level certificate of license to teach will not be issued.

(9) An applicant for an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach in the area of personal finance, banking, or financial responsibility who has earned a bachelor’s degree, or higher degree, from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional accreditation agency including, but not limited to the Higher Learning Commission of the NCA must comply with the following additional criteria:

(A) The applicant must provide documentation of a valid degree being conferred and achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the assessment designated by the board. The official score report shall be submitted to the department;

(B) Comply with the professional experience requirements specific to the particular content area for which certification is sought as set forth in rules 5 CSR 20-400.500–5 CSR 20-400.700; and

(C) The applicant may only be granted an
initial career education level of certificate of license to teach in the field of personal finance.

(10) Additional professional certificates of license to teach may be granted as follows:

(A) The applicant may take the appropriate content knowledge or specialty area exit assessment(s) for certification and must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the content knowledge or specialty area exit assessment(s) as defined in the rules promulgated by the board;

(B) If the board has not designated a content knowledge or specialty area exit assessment(s) for a particular certification area or grade level or the applicant chooses not to take the appropriate content knowledge or specialty area exit assessment(s), the applicant must meet the specific content area certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500–5 CSR 20-400.700.

(11) Following review by the department the applicant shall be informed of the decision regarding the application for certificate of license to teach.

(12) The holder of a certificate of license to teach shall ensure that the department has their current legal name and address.

(A) A holder of a certificate of license to teach whose name is changed shall notify the department within ninety (90) days of the name change and provide a copy of the appropriate documents verifying the name change.

(B) A holder of a certificate of license to teach whose address has changed shall inform the department of the change within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the change.

(13) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.510 Certification Requirements for Teacher of Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 3)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach Early Childhood Education.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 3) who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 3) subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 3):

(A) General Requirements. An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) must comply with the following additional criteria:

1. The applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;

2. The applicant must have a recommendation from the designated official at a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department;

3. The applicant must possess an overall grade point average to meet the following specifications:

A. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and in the major area of study;

B. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or

C. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate cumulative grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the State Board of Education (board) to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying cumulative grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score;

4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

5. The applicant must complete the professional requirements as determined by the recommending educator preparation program, which may exceed these minimum requirements; and

6. Individuals who completed an educator preparation program outside of the United States shall 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;

(B) Professional Requirements. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation program for the following topics:

1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationships among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—

   A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;

   B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;

   C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;

   D. Strategies for Content Literacy;

   E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving;

   F. English Language Learning;

2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—

   A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;

   B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;

   C. Differentiated Learning;

   D. Classroom Management;

   E. Cultural Diversity;

   F. Educational Psychology;

3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—

   A. Consultation and Collaboration;

   B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching;

   C. Content Knowledge for Teaching and Learning Strategies for the Young Child (minimum requirement of thirty
(30) semester hours)—
A. Early Childhood Principles:
   (I) Child Development;
   (II) Play-Based and Inquiry-Based Learning;
   (III) Observing and Assessing Young Children;
   (IV) Language Acquisition;
   B. Methods of Teaching and Differentiated Instruction in the following integrated areas:
   (I) Early Literacy (minimum of six (6) semester hours) to address curriculum, explicit and systematic instruction, and assessment of—
      (a) Language acquisition;
      (b) Phonological and phonemic awareness;
   (c) Phonics;
   (d) Vocabulary;
   (e) Fluency;
   (f) Comprehension; and
   (g) Writing process using authentic text and purposes;
   (II) Math;
   (III) Health;
   (IV) Science;
   (V) Nutrition;
   (VI) Social Studies;
   (VII) Music;
   (VIII) Safety;
   (IX) Movement;
   (X) Art; and
   (XI) Drama;

5. Home-School-Community Relations (minimum requirement of six (6) semester hours)—
   A. Families as Educational Partners;
   B. Family Engagement; and
   C. Linking Families with Community Resources;

6. Program Management (minimum requirement of six (6) semester hours)—
   A. Program Administration and Management;
   B. Health, Nutrition, and Safety of Young Children; and
   C. Environmental Organization and Design; and

(C) Field and Clinical Experiences (ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close-partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings. Such field and clinical experiences shall meet the minimum hours required in paragraphs (1)(C)1.–2., to include experiences in each of the three (3) different age levels (Infant/Toddler, Pre-K/Kindergarten, and Kindergarten – Grade 3).

1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). This limited field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

2. Mid-Level Experiences (two (2) semester hours)—
   (I) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Elementary Education (Grades 1-6) who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Elementary Education (Grades 1-6) subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Elementary Education (Grades 1-6):
   (A) General Requirements. An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) must comply with the following additional criteria:
      1. The applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
      2. The applicant must have a recommendation from the designated official at a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department;
      3. The applicant must possess an overall grade point average to meet the following specifications:
         A. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and in the major area of study;
         B. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or
         C. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate cumulative grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the State Board of Education (board) to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying cumulative grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score;
      4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;
      5. The applicant must complete the professional requirements as determined by the recommending educator preparation program,
which may exceed these minimum requirements; and
6. Individuals who completed an educator preparation program outside of the United States shall 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;

(B) Professional Requirements. A minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation program for the following topics:

1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationships among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—
   A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;
   B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;
   C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;
   D. Strategies for Content Literacy;
   E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving;
   F. English Language Learning;

2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—
   A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;
   B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;
   C. Differentiated Learning;
   D. Classroom Management;
   E. Cultural Diversity; and
   F. Education Psychology;

3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—
   A. Consultation and Collaboration;
   B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching;
   C. Content Knowledge for Teaching and Teaching and Learning Strategies (minimum requirement of twenty-one (21) semester hours)—
   A. At a minimum, the teaching method competencies shall include:
   (I) Elementary Literacy (minimum total of twelve (12) semester hours)—to address curriculum, explicit and systematic instruction, and assessment of—
      (a) Language acquisition;
      (b) Phonological and phonemic awareness;
      (c) Phonics;
      (d) Vocabulary;
      (e) Fluency;
      (f) Comprehension; and
      (g) Writing process using authentic text and purposes;
   (II) Mathematics (minimum of six (6) total semester hours);
   (III) Science; and
   (IV) Social Science;
   B. Integration of the following areas:
   (I) Art;
   (II) Music;
   (III) Health and Physical Education; and
   (IV) Technology in Education; and
(C) Field and Clinical Experiences (ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings.

1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). The early field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

2. Mid-Level Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.
   (2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2019.


5 CSR 20-400.530 Certification Requirements for a Teacher of Middle School Education (Grades 5-9)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach Middle School Education.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Middle School Education who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Middle School Education subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Middle School Education:

(A) General Requirements. An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach who has successfully completed an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) must comply with the following additional criteria:
   1. The applicant must possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university;
   2. The applicant must have a recommendation from the designated official at a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department;
   3. The applicant must possess an overall grade point average to meet the following specifications:
      A. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and in the major area of study;
      B. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by
the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or

C. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate cumulative grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the board to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying cumulative grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score.

4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

5. The applicant must complete the professional requirements as determined by the recommending educator preparation program, which may exceed these minimum requirements; and

6. Individuals who completed an educator preparation program outside of the United States shall 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;

   (B) Professional Requirements. A minimum of forty-five (45) semester hours in professional education. Competency must be demonstrated in the following areas listed to the satisfaction of the educator preparation program:

   1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationship among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—

      A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;
      B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;
      C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;
      D. Strategies for Content Literacy;
      E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; and
      F. English Language Learning;

   2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—

      A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;
      B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;
      C. Differentiated Learning;
      D. Classroom Management;
      E. Cultural Diversity; and
      F. Educational Psychology;

   3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—

      A. Consultation and Collaboration;
      B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching; and
      C. Middle School Philosophy and Organization;

   4. Middle School Literacy (minimum of six (6) semester hours): to include coursework in methods of teaching reading and writing in the content area, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits; and

   5. Content Knowledge for Teaching (minimum requirement of twenty-four (24) semester hours). Subject area certification in grades five through nine (5-9) will be granted upon the basis of a minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours with appropriate distribution as determined by the educator preparation program and/or the department, in one (1) of the following areas:

      A. Agricultural Education (5-9);
      B. Business Education (5-9);
      C. Technology and Engineering (5-9);
      D. Language Arts (5-9);
      E. Mathematics (5-9);
      F. Science (5-9);
      G. Social Science (5-9); and
      H. Speech/Theatre (5-9); and

   (C) Field and Clinical Experiences (ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings.

   1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). The early field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

   2. Mid-Level Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.

(2) The requirements of this section shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.540 Certification Requirements for Teacher of Secondary Education (Grades 9–12)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach Secondary Education.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Secondary Education who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Secondary Education subject to the certificate requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Secondary Education:

   (A) General Requirements—

      1. A baccalaureate degree from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) or from a college or university having an educator preparation program.
program approved by the state education agency in states other than Missouri;

2. The applicant must have a recommendation from the designated official at a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department;

3. The applicant must possess an overall grade point average to meet the following specifications:

   A. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and in the major area of study;

   B. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or

   C. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate cumulative grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the board to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying cumulative grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score;

   4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

   5. The applicant must complete the professional requirements as determined by the recommending educator preparation program which may exceed these minimum requirements; and

   6. Individuals who completed an educator preparation program outside of the United States shall 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;

   (B) Professional Requirements. A minimum requirement of thirty-six (36) semester hours in professional education. Competency must be demonstrated in the following topics listed to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

   1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationship among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—

      A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;

      B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;

      C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;

      D. Strategies for Content Literacy;

      E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; and

      F. English Language Learning;

   2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—

      A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;

      B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;

      C. Differentiated Learning;

      D. Classroom Management;

      E. Cultural Diversity; and

      F. Educational Psychology; and

   3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—

      A. Consultation and Collaboration; and

      B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching; and

   4. Secondary Literacy (minimum of six (6) semester hours) to include coursework specific to teaching reading and writing in the content area for which certification is sought, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits;

   (C) Field and Clinical Experiences (ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and be supervised through a close partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings.

   1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). The early field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

   2. Mid-Level Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

   3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.

   (2) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Agriculture may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Agriculture subject to completion of at least fifty-three (53) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

   (A) A minimum of forty-five (45) semester hours shall be completed from paragraphs (2)(A)1.–7.—

   1. Animal Science, minimum of three (3) semester hours;

   2. Agronomy, minimum of three (3) semester hours;

   3. Agricultural Business, minimum of three (3) semester hours;

   4. Agricultural Economics, minimum of three (3) semester hours;

   5. Agricultural Mechanics, minimum of three (3) semester hours;

   6. Horticulture, minimum of three (3) semester hours; and

   7. Electives (27 semester hours) Must include twelve (12) semester hours from sections 1.–6. and fifteen (15) semester hours of other agriculture-related coursework.

   (B) A minimum of eight (8) semester hours shall be completed from paragraphs (2)(B)1.–7.—

   1. Methods of Teaching Vocational Agriculture;

   2. Program Planning;

   3. Developing and Supervising Occupational Experience Programs—

      A. Ownership (Entrepreneurship); and

      B. Placement;

   4. Developing and Using Instructional Materials and Teaching Aids;
5. Supervising Student Organizations;  
6. Teaching Agriculture Mechanics; and  
7. Planning and Conducting Adult Programs for Young and Adult Farmers.

(3) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Business may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Business subject to completion of at least thirty-nine (39) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Management or Business Administration, three (3) semester hours;  
(B) Economics, six (6) semester hours;  
(C) Business/Consumer Related Law, three (3) semester hours;  
(D) Business Communications, three (3) semester hours;  
(E) Management, three (3) semester hours;  
(F) Marketing, three (3) semester hours;  
(G) Computer/Emerging Technology, six (6) semester hours;  
(H) Electives, three (3) semester hours;  
(I) Operating Business Education Programs, three (3) semester hours; and  
(J) Coordination of Cooperative Education, three (3) semester hours.

(4) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Driver Education who is certified in another elementary, middle school, or secondary teaching field may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Driver Education subject to completion of at least twelve (12) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Introduction to Safety Education, three (3) semester hours;  
(B) Driver Task Analysis, three (3) semester hours;  
(C) Developing Vehicle Operation Skills and Competencies, three (3) semester hours; and  
(D) Developing Classroom Knowledge, three (3) semester hours.

(5) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach English may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach English subject to completion of at least thirty-three (33) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Composition and Rhetoric (to include a course in the teaching of writing), twelve (12) semester hours;  
(B) Study of the English Language (to include modern grammar, history of the language, and/or dialects), six (6) semester hours;  
(C) American Literature (to include at least one (1) major unit or module in literature for adolescents and one (1) in literature of ethnic groups), six (6) semester hours;  
(D) English and/or World Literature, six (6) semester hours; and  
(E) Elective English Credits, three (3) semester hours.

(6) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Journalism may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Journalism subject to completion of at least thirty-three (33) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) News Writing and Reporting, six (6) semester hours;  
(B) Editing, three (3) semester hours;  
(C) Communications Law, three (3) semester hours;  
(D) Mass Communications Theory, three (3) semester hours;  
(E) Scholastic Publications, three (3) semester hours; and  
(F) Electives—Photography, Graphics, Advertising, Broadcasting, History of Journalism, Mass Media and Society, News Media Experience, and other related areas, fifteen (15) semester hours—  
1. News media experience (e.g., professional news media, college publications, etc.) must be included in the program on a credit or noncredit basis.

(7) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Marketing may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Marketing subject to completion of at least thirty-six (36) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Management or Business Administration, three (3) semester hours;  
(B) Economics, six (6) semester hours;  
(C) Electives from Business, Management, or Entrepreneurship, nine (9) semester hours;  
(D) Marketing (suggested areas: Distribution, Financing, Marketing-Information Management, Promotion, Selling, Product/Service Management, International Marketing, and E-commerce Marketing), fifteen (15) semester hours; and  
(E) Coordination of Cooperative Education, three (3) semester hours.

(8) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Mathematics may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Mathematics subject to completion of at least thirty-six (36) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Calculus and Analytical Geometry, nine (9) semester hours;  
(B) Algebraic Structures, three (3) semester hours;  
(C) Geometry, three (3) semester hours;  
(D) Computer Science, three (3) semester hours;  
(E) Electives from the above coursework, six (6) semester hours; and  
(F) A minimum of twelve (12) semester hours from at least three (3) areas of Mathematics such as the following:

1. History of Mathematics, three (3) semester hours;  
2. Structure of the Real Number System, three (3) semester hours;  
3. Number Theory, three (3) semester hours;  
4. Completion Calculus Sequence, three (3) semester hours;  
5. Probability and Statistics, three (3) semester hours;  
6. Computer Science, three (3) semester hours; and  
7. Linear Algebra, three (3) semester hours.

(9) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Biology may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Biology subject to completion of at least thirty-five (35) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) History/Philosophy of Science and Technology, three (3) semester hours;  
(B) A minimum of twenty (20) hours in Biology, which must include:

1. Cell Biology;  
2. Plant Form and Function;  
3. Animal Form and Function;
(10) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Chemistry may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Chemistry subject to completion of at least thirty-five (35) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

- A History/Philosophy of Science and Technology, three (3) semester hours;
- A minimum of twelve (12) additional hours in Chemistry, which includes:
  - 1. Inorganic Chemistry;
  - 2. Analytical Chemistry;
  - 3. Organic Chemistry;
  - 4. Physical Chemistry;
  - 5. Biochemistry; and
  - 6. Chemistry Electives; and
- A minimum of twelve (12) additional hours in Science, which includes:
  - 1. Biology;
  - 2. Physics;
  - 3. Earth Science; and
  - 4. Environmental Science.

(11) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Earth Science may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Earth Science subject to completion of at least thirty-five (35) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

- A History/Philosophy of Science and Technology, three (3) semester hours;
- A minimum of twelve (12) additional hours in Science, which includes:
  - 1. Chemistry;
  - 2. Biology;
  - 3. Earth Science; and
  - 4. Environmental Science.

(12) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Physics may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Physics subject to completion of at least thirty-five (35) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

- A History/Philosophy of Science and Technology, three (3) semester hours;
- A minimum of twenty (20) hours in Physics, which must include:
  - 1. Mechanics;
  - 2. Electricity and Magnetism;
  - 3. Heat, Sound, and Light;
  - 4. Atomic or Modern Physics; and
  - 5. Physics Electives; and
- A minimum of twelve (12) additional hours in Science, which includes:
  - 1. Chemistry;
  - 2. Physics;
  - 3. Earth Science; and
  - 4. Environmental Science.

(13) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Social Science may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Social Science subject to completion of at least thirty-nine (39) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

- A U.S. History, twelve (12) semester hours;
- A World History, nine (9) semester hours;
- A Political Science (State and U.S. Government), six (6) semester hours;
- A Economics, three (3) semester hours;
- A Geography, three (3) semester hours; and
- A Behavioral Science (Sociology, Anthropology, or Psychology), six (6) semester hours.

(14) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Speech and Theatre may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Speech and Theatre subject to completion of at least thirty (30) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

- A Speech, twelve (12) semester hours (must include three (3) semester hours of debate); and
- A Theatre, twelve (12) semester hours; and
- A Electives (from Speech, Theatre, and/or Mass Communications), six (6) semester hours.

(15) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Technology and Engineering may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Technology and Engineering subject to completion of at least thirty-six (36) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

- A Communication Technology, six (6) semester hours;
- A Energy and Power, six (6) semester hours;
- A Materials and Processes Technology, six (6) semester hours;
- A Organization and Administration, six (6) semester hours; and
- A Electives, twelve (12) semester hours.

(16) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2019.


5 CSR 20-400.550 Certification Requirements for Teacher of K-12 Education

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach K-12 Education.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Secondary Education who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach K-12 Education subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500...
and the following additional certification requirements specific to K-12 Education:

(A) General Requirements—

1. A baccalaureate degree from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state education agency in states other than Missouri.

2. The applicant must have a recommendation from the designated official at a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department.

3. The applicant must possess an overall grade point average to meet the following specifications:
   A. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and in the major area of study;
   B. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or
   C. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate cumulative grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the board to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying cumulative grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score;

4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

5. The applicant must complete the professional requirements as determined by the recommending educator preparation program which may exceed these minimum requirements.

6. Individuals who completed an educator preparation program outside of the United States shall 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.

(B) Professional Requirements. A minimum requirement of twenty-six (26) semester hours in professional education. Competency must be demonstrated in the following topics listed to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationship among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—
   A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;
   B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;
   C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;
   D. Strategies for Content Literacy;
   E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; and
   F. English Language Learning;

2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—
   A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;
   B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;
   C. Differentiated Learning;
   D. Classroom Management;
   E. Cultural Diversity; and
   F. Educational Psychology;

3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—
   A. Consultation and Collaboration; and
   B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching; and

4. Literacy (minimum of three (3) semester hours) to include coursework in methods of teaching reading and writing in the content area for which certification is sought.

5. Field and Clinical Experiences (ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings. Such field and clinical experiences shall include experiences at both the elementary and the secondary level.
   A. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). The early field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.
   B. Mid-Level Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe, respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.
   C. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.

(2) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Art may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Art subject to completion of at least thirty (30) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Design—Composition, three (3) semester hours;
(B) Drawing, three (3) semester hours;
(C) Painting, three (3) semester hours;
(D) Graphics (such as Printmaking, Photography, and Serigraphy), three (3) semester hours;
(E) Ceramics, three (3) semester hours;
(F) Sculpture, three (3) semester hours;
(G) Fibers (such as Weaving, Macramé, and Fiber Sculpture), three (3) semester hours;
(H) History, Theory, Criticism in the Visual Arts, three (3) semester hours;
(I) Instructional Techniques for Art K-12, three (3) semester hours; and
(J) Electives, three (3) semester hours.

(3) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Dance may be granted an initial
Missouri certificate of license to teach Dance subject to completion of at least thirty (30) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Ballet Technique, six (6) semester hours;
(B) Contemporary Technique, six (6) semester hours;
(C) Other Techniques, to include Tap, Jazz, Yoga, Folk, Ballroom, six (6) semester hours;
(D) Dance Theory, three (3) semester hours;
(E) Dance Composition, three (3) semester hours; and
(F) Elective from subsections 1-4 below, six (6) hours:

1. Anatomy and Kinesiology;
2. Ethnology (dance in other cultures);
3. Music for Dance; or
4. Somatics (body-mind techniques).

(4) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Family and Consumer Sciences may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Family and Consumer Sciences subject to completion of at least thirty-three (33) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Program Development and Professional Practice, two (2) semester hours;
(B) Career and Technical Student Organizations, one (1) semester hour;
(C) Nutrition, Health, and Wellness (including Health Issues and Concepts as well as Scientific Principles Related to Food Preparation), six (6) semester hours;
(D) Family and Consumer Resource Management, twelve (12) semester hours (including three (3) semester hours each in: Personal Finance; Family and Consumer Resource Management; Housing and Environment; and Textiles, Apparel, and Fashion);
(E) Human Development and Parenting, six (6) semester hours; and
(F) Family and Interpersonal Relationships, six (6) semester hours.

(5) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach World Languages may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach World Languages subject to completion of at least thirty (30) semester hours in the language to be taught, or twenty-seven (27) semester hours plus two (2) or more earned units of high school credit in that language. Additionally, the applicant must complete a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours in upper-level courses with no more than six (6) of those semester hours in history/culture and demonstrate competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution.

(6) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Health may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Health subject to completion of at least thirty-six (36) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Human Anatomy-Physiology, three (3) semester hours;
(B) Nutrition, three (3) semester hours;
(C) Drug Education, three (3) semester hours;
(D) Personal Health, three (3) semester hours;
(E) Mental Health, three (3) semester hours;
(F) Family Life/Sex Education, three (3) semester hours;
(G) Safety and First Aid, three (3) semester hours;
(H) Community Health, three (3) semester hours;
(I) Instructional Techniques in Health K-12, three (3) semester hours; and
(J) Electives in Health, nine (9) semester hours.

(7) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license for Library Media Specialist may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license for Library Media Specialist subject to completion of at least thirty (30) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) Content Knowledge for Teaching—
1. Foundations of Librarianship, three (3) semester hours;
2. Library Media Administration, three (3) semester hours;
3. Developing and Managing Collections, three (3) semester hours;
4. Organizing Information, three (3) semester hours;
5. Reference Sources and Services, three (3) semester hours;
6. Action Research in School Libraries, three (3) semester hours;
7. Children’s, Adolescent, or Young Adult Literature, three (3) semester hours;
8. Library Systems and Information Technologies, three (3) semester hours; and
9. Curriculum and the Media Center, three (3) semester hours;

(B) Field and Clinical Experiences (three (3) semester hours)—
1. Culminating Clinical Experiences. This librarian internship builds upon the classroom experiences and provides the intern an opportunity to lead and direct specific activities. The intern is an active participant in the daily operations of the library media center including working with students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders while under the supervision of an on-site supervisor. The clinical experience should include collaborating with other educators to support student learning.

(8) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Music may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Music subject to completion of at least forty-five (45) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) For applicants for a Missouri license to teach Vocal Music—
1. Music Theory, History, and Choral Arranging, fifteen (15) semester hours;
2. Piano (or proficiency) and Applied Voice, nine (9) semester hours;
3. Choral Conducting, Techniques, and Literature, twelve (12) semester hours;
4. Choral Ensemble, three (3) semester hours; and
5. Methods/Techniques of Teaching Pre-K/Elementary, and Middle School/Secondary Music, six (6) semester hours.

(B) For applicants for a Missouri license to teach Instrumental Music—
1. Music Theory, History, and Instrumentation/Arranging, fifteen (15) semester hours;
2. Piano (or proficiency) and Applied Major Instrument, nine (9) semester hours;
3. Instrumental Conducting, Techniques, and Literature, twelve (12) semester hours;
4. Instrumental Ensemble, three (3) semester hours; and
5. Methods/Techniques of Teaching Pre-K/Elementary, and Middle School/Secondary Music, six (6) semester hours.

(9) In addition to the requirements specified in subsections (1)(A)-(C) of this rule, an
applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Physical Education may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Physical Education subject to completion of at least fifty-one (51) semester hours in the following content knowledge areas and demonstration of competency to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution:

(A) History and Philosophy, three (3) semester hours;
(B) Anatomy-Physiology, three (3) semester hours;
(C) Kinesiology, three (3) semester hours;
(D) Physiology of Exercise, three (3) semester hours;
(E) Assessment in Physical Education, three (3) semester hours;
(F) Health Related Fitness/Wellness, three (3) semester hours;
(G) Lifetime Activities and Dance, three (3) semester hours;
(H) Adapted Physical Education, three (3) semester hours;
(I) Psychological/Sociological Aspects of Physical Education, three (3) semester hours;
(J) Motor Development/Motor Learning, three (3) semester hours;
(K) First Aid, CPR, and Care of Activity/Sport Injuries, six (6) semester hours;
(L) Movement and Rhythms, three (3) semester hours;
(M) Team/Individual Sports Instruction, three (3) semester hours;
(N) Instructional Techniques in Physical Education K-12, six (6) semester hours; and
(O) Nutrition, three (3) semester hours.

(10) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.560 Certification Requirements for Teacher of Special Education

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach Special Education.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Special Education who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Special Education subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Special Education:

(A) General Requirements—
1. A baccalaureate degree from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state education agency in states other than Missouri;
2. The applicant must have a recommendation from the designated official at a baccalaureate or higher-level educator preparation program approved by the department;
3. The applicant must possess an overall grade point average to meet the following specifications:
   A. For applicants graduating before the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a grade point average of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale, and in the major area of study;
   B. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program approved by the department, a cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale of 2.75 or higher, and a grade point average of 3.00 or higher in professional education and the specific content area for which certification is sought; or
   C. For applicants graduating in or after the spring semester of the year 2017 from a baccalaureate program who do not meet the appropriate cumulative grade point average requirements, competency may otherwise be demonstrated by achievement of exit assessment scores greater than or equal to a score deemed satisfactory by the board to qualify for forgiveness of a disqualifying cumulative grade point average. Such satisfactory score shall be higher than the Missouri qualifying score;
4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;
5. The applicant must complete the professional requirements as determined by the recommending educator preparation program which may exceed these minimum requirements; and
6. Individuals who completed an educator preparation program outside of the United States shall 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.

(2) An applicant for a Missouri certificate to teach Blind and Low Vision (Birth – Grade 12) students who possess a baccalaureate degree from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the department or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state agency in states other than Missouri may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Blind and Low Vision (Birth – Grade 12) students subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements:

(A) Professional Requirements. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution for each topic listed.
   1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationships among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—
      A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;
      B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;
      C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;
      D. Strategies for Content Literacy;
      E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving;
      F. English Language Learning;
      G. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (instruction in interpretation of individualized, formative, and summative assessments, eligibility procedures, and assessment to support evidence-based instruction); and
      H. Transition Processes, including Career Education or Career Readiness.
   2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—
      A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;
B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;  
C. Differentiated Learning;  
D. Classroom Management;  
E. Behavior Intervention Strategies;  
F. Cultural Diversity;  
G. Anatomy, Physiology, and Diseases of the Eye;  
H. Language Development of the Exceptional Child;  
I. Orientation and Mobility Training;  
J. Educational Psychology;  
K. Conservation and Use of Limited Vision; and  
L. Visual Aids and Appliance Usage.  
3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—  
A. Consultation and Collaboration;  
B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching;  
C. Tiered Systems for Supporting Instruction and Behavior;  
D. Families as Educational Partners;  
E. Family Engagement;  
F. Linking Families with Resources; and  
G. Individualized Education Plans and the Special Education Process;  
4. Teaching and Learning Strategies—  
A. Literacy (three (3) courses required, minimum total of nine (9) semester hours) to include coursework in reading and writing, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits;  
B. Reading and Writing Braille;  
C. Children’s Literature;  
D. Language Arts;  
E. Science;  
F. Social Science;  
G. Instructional and Assistive Technology; and  
H. Mathematics (two (2) courses required, minimum of six (6) total semester hours) to include instructional interventions for students with mathematics deficits; and (B) Field and Clinical Experiences (minimum requirement of ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close-partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings.  
1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). This limited field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.  
2. Mid-Level Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.  
3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.  
(3) An applicant for a Missouri certificate to teach Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Birth – Grade 12) students who possesses a baccalaureate degree from a college or university having a educator preparation program approved by the department or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state agency in states other than Missouri may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Birth – Grade 12) subjects. Applicants for the certification requirements in the 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements:  
(A) Professional Requirements. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution for each topic listed.  
1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationships among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—  
A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;  
B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;  
C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;  
D. Strategies for Content Literacy;  
E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:  
F. English Language Learning;  
G. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (instruction in interpretation of individualized, formative, and summative assessments, eligibility procedures, and assessment to support evidence-based instruction); and  
H. Transition Processes, including Career Education or Career Readiness.  
2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—  
A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;  
B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;  
C. Differentiated Learning;  
D. Classroom Management;  
E. Behavior Intervention Strategies;  
F. Cultural Diversity;  
G. Educational Psychology;  
H. Psychology of Deafness;  
I. Language Development of the Exceptional Child;  
J. Aural Rehabilitation;  
K. Amplification Systems;  
L. Audiology;  
M. Anatomy and Physiology of Auditory and Speech Mechanisms; and  
N. Manual Communications.  
3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—  
A. Consultation and Collaboration;  
B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching;  
C. Tiered Systems for Supporting Instruction and Behavior;  
D. Families as Educational Partners;  
E. Family Engagement;  
F. Linking Families with Resources; and  
G. Individualized Education Plans and the Special Education Process;  
4. Teaching and Learning Strategies—  
A. Literacy (three (3) courses required, minimum total of nine (9) semester hours). To include coursework in reading and writing, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits;  
B. Teaching and Facilitating Language;  
C. Teaching Speech to Students Who Are Deaf;  
D. Children’s Literature;  
E. Language Arts;  
F. Science;  
G. Social Science;  
H. Instructive and Assistive Technology; and  
I. Mathematics (two (2) courses required, minimum of six (6) total semester hours) to include instructional interventions for students with mathematics deficits.
(B) Field and Clinical Experiences (minimum requirement of ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close-partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings.

1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). This limited field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

2. Mid-Level Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.

(4) An applicant for a Missouri certificate to teach Early Childhood Special Education (Birth – Grade 3) who possesses a baccalaureate degree from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the department, or from a college or university having an education program approved by the state education agency in states other than Missouri may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Early Childhood Special Education (Birth – Grade 3) subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements:

(A) Professional Requirements. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution for each topic listed.

1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationship among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—
   - A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;
   - B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;
   - C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;
   - D. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving;
   - E. English Language Learning; and
   - F. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (instruction in interpretation of individualized, formative, and summative assessments, eligibility procedures, and assessment to support evidence-based instruction).

2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—
   - A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;
   - B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;
   - C. Differentiated Learning;
   - D. Classroom Management;
   - E. Behavior Intervention Strategies;
   - F. Cultural Diversity; and
   - G. Educational Psychology.

3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—
   - A. Consultation and Collaboration;
   - B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching;
   - C. Tiered Systems for Supporting Instruction and Behavior;
   - D. Families as Educational Partners;
   - E. Family Engagement;
   - F. Linking Families with Resources; and

4. Teaching and Supporting Learning of the Young Child—
   - A. Early Childhood Principles;
     - (I) Child Development;
     - (II) Play-Based and Inquiry-Based Learning;
   - (III) Observing and Assessing Young Children;
   - (IV) Language Acquisition; and
   - (V) Alternative and Augmentative Communication;
   - B. Methods of Teaching and Differentiated Instruction in the following integrated areas (minimum requirement of fifteen (15) hours):
     - (I) Early Literacy (minimum of six (6) semester hours) to address curriculum, explicit and systematic instruction, and assessment of—
       - (a) Language acquisition;
       - (b) Phonological and phonemic awareness;
       - (c) Phonics;
       - (d) Vocabulary;
       - (e) Fluency;
       - (f) Comprehension; and
       - (g) Writing process using authentic text and purposes;
     - (II) Math;
     - (III) Health;
     - (IV) Science;
     - (V) Nutrition;
     - (VI) Social Studies;
     - (VII) Music;
     - (VIII) Safety;
     - (IX) Movement;
     - (X) Art;
     - (XI) Drama; and
     - (XII) Instructional and Assistive Technology;

   5. Program Management—
   - A. Program Administration and Management;
   - B. Health, Nutrition, and Safety of Young Children;
   - C. Environmental Organization and Design; and
   - D. Procedural Safeguards;

(B) Field and Clinical Experiences (minimum requirement of ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close-partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings. Such field and clinical experiences shall meet the minimum hours required in paragraphs (4)(B)(1.–3., to include experiences in each of the three (3) different age levels (Infant/Toddler, Pre-K/Kindergarten, and Kindergarten – Grade 3).

1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). This limited field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

2. Mid-Level Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with
students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.

3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.

(5) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach students with Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities (Kindergarten – Grade 12) who possesses a baccalaureate degree in Special Education from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the department or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state agency in states other than Missouri may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach students with Mild/Moderate Cross-Categorical Disabilities (Kindergarten – Grade 12) subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements:

(A) Professional Requirements. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution for each topic listed—

1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationships among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—
   A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;
   B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty;
   C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making;
   D. Strategies for Content Literacy;
   E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving;
   F. English Language Learning;
   G. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (instruction in interpretation of individualized, formative, and summative assessments, eligibility procedures, and assessment to support evidence-based instruction);
   H. Transition Processes, including Career Education or Career Readiness; and
   2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—
      A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent;
      B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;
      C. Differentiated Learning;
      D. Classroom Management;
      E. Behavior Intervention Strategies;
      F. Cultural Diversity;
      G. Educational Psychology; and
      H. Language Development of the Exceptional Child;
   3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—
      A. Consultation and Collaboration;
      B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching;
      C. Tiered Systems for Supporting Instruction and Behavior;
      D. Families as Educational Partners;
      E. Family Engagement;
      F. Linking Families with Resources; and
      G. Individualized Education Plans and the Special Education Process;
   4. Teaching and Learning Strategies—
      A. Literacy (a minimum total of twelve (12) semester hours) to address specialized instruction in curriculum, explicit and systematic instruction, assessment, and intensive intervention of—
         (I) Language acquisition;
         (II) Phonological and phonemic awareness;
         (III) Phonics;
         (IV) Vocabulary;
         (V) Fluency;
         (VI) Comprehension; and
         (VII) Writing process using authentic text and purposes;
      B. Science;
      C. Social Science;
      D. Instructional and Assistive Technology; and
      E. Mathematics (two (2) courses required, minimum of six (6) total semester hours) to include instructional interventions for students with mathematics deficits; and
      (B) Field and Clinical Experiences (minimum requirement of ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close-partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings. Such field and clinical experiences shall include experiences at both the elementary and the secondary level.
      1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). This limited field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.
      2. Mid-Level Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher.
      3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time.

(6) An applicant for a Missouri certificate to teach students with Severe Developmental Disabilities (Grades K-12) who possesses a baccalaureate degree in Special Education from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the department or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state agency in states other than Missouri may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach students with Severe Developmental Disabilities subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements:

(A) Professional Requirements. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution for each topic listed—

1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationships among curriculum, instruction, and assessment—
   A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning;
   B. Instructional Strategies and
Techniques in Content Area Specialty; 
C. Assessment, Student Data, and Data-Based Decision-Making; 
D. Strategies for Content Literacy; 
E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; 
F. English Language Learning; 
G. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (instruction in interpretation of individualized, formative, and summative assessments, eligibility procedures, and assessment to support evidence-based instruction); 
H. Transition Processes, including Career Education or Career Readiness; and 
2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—
A. Psychological Development of the Exceptional Child; 
B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child; 
C. Differentiated Learning; 
D. Classroom Management; 
E. Behavior Intervention Strategies; 
F. Cultural Diversity; 
G. Educational Psychology; 
H. Physical and Psychological Considerations of the Developmentally Disabled; 
I. Language Development of the Exceptional Child; 
J. Adaptive, Self-Help, and Mobility Skills; 
K. Managing Physical and Health Problems; 
L. Alternative and Augmentative Communication Skills; and 
M. Alternative and Functional Skills Assessment; 
3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—
A. Consultation and Collaboration; 
B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching; 
C. Tiered Systems for Supporting Instruction and Behavior; 
D. Families as Educational Partners; 
E. Family Engagement; 
F. Linking Families with Resources; and 
G. Individualized Education Plans and the Special Education Process; 
4. Teaching and Learning Strategies—
A. Literacy (three (3) courses required, minimum total of nine (9) semester hours) to include coursework in reading and writing, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits; 
B. Children’s Literature; 
C. Language Arts; 
D. Science; 
E. Social Science; 
F. Instructional and Assistive Technology; and 
G. Mathematics (two (2) courses required, minimum of six (6) total semester hours) to include instructional interventions for students with mathematics deficits; and 
(B) Field and Clinical Experiences (minimum requirement of ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the student through the program and should be supervised through a close-partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings. 
1. Early Field Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of thirty (30) clock hours). This limited field experience includes placements in which candidates observe students, support teachers, and respond to specific class assignments. The candidate may work with students individually and/or in small groups as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher. 
2. Mid-Level Experiences (one (1) semester hour with a minimum of forty-five (45) clock hours). The mid-level experience occurs between the initial placement and the culminating clinical experiences. At the mid-level, candidates continue to observe; respond to specific class assignments; and work with students individually, in small groups, and in whole class settings as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher. 
3. Culminating Clinical Experiences (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The culminating experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete required assignments, work with students as requested and under the supervision of the classroom teacher, and have the opportunity and responsibility to lead the class over an extended period of time. 
(7) An applicant for a Missouri certificate to teach students with Severe Developmental Disabilities (Grades K-12) who possesses a baccalaureate degree in Special Education from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the department or from a college or university having an educator preparation program approved by the state agency in states other than Missouri may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach students with Severe Developmental Disabilities subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements: 
(A) Professional Requirements. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation. Competency must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the educator preparation institution for each topic listed—
1. Content Planning and Delivery. Candidates are prepared with a deep knowledge of and understand the relationships between curriculum, instruction, and assessment—
A. Curriculum and Instructional Planning; 
B. Instructional Strategies and Techniques in Content Area Specialty; 
C. Assessment and Student Data; 
D. Strategies for Content Literacy; 
E. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; 
F. English Language Learning; 
G. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (instruction in interpretation of individualized intelligence tests, formal and informal diagnostic procedures, and in perspective instruction); and 
H. Career Education or Career Readiness; 
2. Individual Student Needs. Candidates build a robust knowledge of learners and the learning environment—
A. Psychological Development of the Child and Adolescent; 
B. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child; 
C. Differentiated Learning; 
D. Classroom Management; 
E. Behavior Intervention Strategies; 
F. Cultural Diversity; 
G. Educational Psychology; 
H. Physical and Psychological Considerations of the Developmentally Disabled; 
I. Language Development of the Exceptional Child; 
J. Adaptive, Self-Help, and Mobility Skills; 
K. Managing Physical and Health Problems; 
L. Alternative and Augmentative Communication Skills; and 
M. Alternative and Functional Skills Assessment; 
3. Schools and the Teaching Profession. Candidates fully understand the role of schools and schooling as well as the professional responsibilities of teachers, including a means of professional growth—
A. Consultation and Collaboration; and 
B. Legal/Ethical Aspects of Teaching; 
4. Teaching and Learning Strategies (minimum requirement of twenty-eight (28) semester hours)—
A. Elementary Literacy (three (3)
courses required, minimum total of nine (9) semester hours) to include coursework in reading and writing, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits;

B. Children’s Literature;
C. Language Arts;
D. Science;
E. Social Science to include Geography and Economics;
F. Art;
G. Music;
H. Adapted Physical Education;
I. Technology in Education; and
J. Mathematics (two (2) courses required, minimum of six (6) total semester hours) to include instructional interventions for students with mathematics deficits; and

5. Field and Clinical Experiences (ten (10) semester hours). Field and clinical experiences should be appropriate to the progress of the candidate through the program and should be supervised through a close partnership of highly-qualified professionals in appropriate school settings—

A. Early and Mid-Level Field Experiences (two (2) semester hours). This field experience must be in a regular classroom setting prior to the culminating field experience—

(I) Persons certificated in Behaviorally Disordered, Mentally Handicapped, Physical and Other Health Impairments, or Learning Disabled may meet this clinical experiences requirement by the satisfactory completion of at least three (3) semester hours of Practicum with Deaf and Hearing Impaired students;

B. Culminating Clinical Experience (eight (8) semester hours with a minimum of twelve (12) weeks in one (1) placement). The experience refers to placements typically in the final sequence leading up to and including student teaching. Candidates actively participate and complete regular assignments, work with students as requested, and under the supervision of the classroom teacher(s) and/or other specialists. The clinical experience must include opportunities to collaborate with other educators to support student learning. The following activities should be included:

(I) Teaching severely developmentally disabled students;

(II) Interpretation of individualized intelligence tests, formal and informal diagnostic procedures, and in prescriptive instruction; and

(III) Practical application of behavior management techniques.

(8) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2019.


5 CSR 20-400.570 Certification Requirements for English Language Learners (Kindergarten – Grade 12)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach English Language Learners.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach English Language Learners (ELL) who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach ELL subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to ELL:

(A) General Requirements—
1. A valid Missouri permanent or professional certificate of license to teach.

(B) Professional Requirements—
1. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child, including the gifted, three (3) semester hours;
2. Literacy (minimum of six (6) semester hours) to include coursework in methods of teaching reading and writing, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits; and
3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department).

(C) Content Knowledge for Teaching (minimum requirement of eighteen (18) semester hours)—
1. Linguistics and English Linguistics;
2. Language and Culture or Sociolinguistics;
3. Second Language Acquisition;
4. Instructional Techniques for Teaching English Language Learners;
5. Curriculum for Teaching English Language Learners; and
6. Assessment Strategies for English Language Learners.

(D) Field and Clinical Experiences (three (3) semester hours)—
1. Culminating Clinical Experience. A supervised clinical experience in which the candidates acquire experience in planning for and working with ELL students in various instructional settings in both elementary and secondary schools. The clinical experience should include collaborating with other educators to support student learning.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.580 Certification Requirements for Gifted Education (Kindergarten – Grade 12)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach Gifted Education.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Gifted Education who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Gifted Education subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Gifted Education:

(A) General Requirements—
1. A valid Missouri permanent or professional certificate of license to teach.

(B) Professional Requirements—
1. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child, including the gifted, three (3) semester hours;
2. Literacy (minimum of six (6) semester hours) to include coursework in methods of teaching reading and writing, and to include instructional interventions for students with reading deficits; and
3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department).

(C) Content Knowledge for Teaching (minimum requirement of eighteen (18) semester hours)—
1. Linguistics and English Linguistics;
2. Language and Culture or Sociolinguistics;
3. Second Language Acquisition;
4. Instructional Techniques for Teaching English Language Learners;
5. Curriculum for Teaching English Language Learners; and
6. Assessment Strategies for English Language Learners.

(D) Field and Clinical Experiences (three (3) semester hours)—
1. Culminating Clinical Experience. A supervised clinical experience in which the candidates acquire experience in planning for and working with ELL students in various instructional settings in both elementary and secondary schools. The clinical experience should include collaborating with other educators to support student learning.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.

The official score shall be submitted to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department); (B) Professional Requirements—
1. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child, including the gifted (minimum of two (2) semester hours);
(C) Content Knowledge for Teaching—
1. A Survey of Gifted and Talented Education;
2. Programming Planning and Development: An Understanding of Administration and Supervision of Gifted Programs;
3. Screening, Assessing, and Evaluating Gifted Students;
4. Curriculum and Instruction for the Gifted;
5. Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted Students; and
6. A minimum of one (1) graduate course in research procedures; and
(D) A graduate course in research procedures (a minimum of three (3) semester hours)—
1. Culminating Clinical Experience. A supervised clinical experience in which candidates acquire experience in planning for and working with gifted students in various instructional settings in both elementary and secondary schools. The clinical experience should include collaboration with other educators to support student learning.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400 Certification Requirements for Elementary Mathematics Specialist (Grades 1 – 6)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to serve as Mathematics Specialist.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to serve as an Elementary Mathematics Specialist who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to serve as an Elementary Mathematics Specialist subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to certificates of license for Elementary Mathematics Specialists:
(A) General Requirements—
1. A valid Missouri permanent or professional certificate of license to teach;
2. Two (2) years of successful mathematics teaching experience;
3. A recommendation from the designated certification official from an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department); and
4. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.600 Certification Requirements for Special Reading (Kindergarten – Grade 12)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for a certificate of license to teach Special Reading.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri certificate of license to teach Special Reading who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Special Reading subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Special Reading:
(A) General Requirements—
1. A valid Missouri permanent or professional certificate of license to teach;
2. Two (2) years of classroom teaching experience;
3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.

4. A recommendation from the designated certification official from an educator preparation program approved by the department;

(B) Professional Requirements—
1. Child Psychology (requirement may be met upon completion of at least three (3) semester hours of combined course, Child and Adolescent Psychology);
2. Adolescent Psychology (requirement may be met upon completion of at least three (3) semester hours of combined course, Child and Adolescent Psychology);
3. Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child (including the Gifted); and
4. Evaluation of Abilities and Achievement (instruction in interpretation of individualized, formative, and summative assessments, eligibility procedures, and assessment to support evidence-based instruction);

(C) Content Knowledge for Teaching (a minimum of eighteen (18) semester hours)—
1. Reading (minimum of twelve (12) semester hours with at least two (2) courses at the graduate level courses required; one (1) of these courses shall be in Analysis and Correction of Reading Disabilities);
2. Language Acquisition and Development or Language Development of the Exceptional Child;
3. Behavior Intervention Strategies; and
4. Counseling Techniques (to include communication skills with exceptional children and families of exceptional children); and

(D) Field and Clinical Experiences Culminating Clinical Experiences (six (6) semester hours)—
1. Culminating Clinical Experience. A supervised clinical experience in which candidates acquire experience in planning for and working with students experiencing reading difficulties. The experience must include various instructional settings in both elementary and secondary schools. The clinical experience should require demonstrated competency in the diagnosis and remediation of reading and related difficulties. Candidates must demonstrate proficiency in establishing an environment that promotes learning. The clinical experience should include collaborating with other educators to support learning.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.610 Certification Requirements for Initial Administrator Certificate (School Leader Kindergarten - Grade 12)

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates to license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Initial Administrator Certificate.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri Initial Administrator Certificate (School Leader, Kindergarten-Grade 12) who possesses good moral character may be granted an Initial Administrator Certificate (School Leader, Kindergarten-Grade 12) subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Initial Administrator Certificate (School Leader, Kindergarten-Grade 12):

(A) Professional Requirements. An Initial Administrator Certificate (School Leader, Kindergarten-Grade 12) valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date on the certificate, will be issued to applicants meeting the following requirements:
1. A permanent or professional Missouri teaching certificate of license to teach;
2. A minimum of three (3) years of classroom teaching experience approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department);
3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;
4. Completion of a course in Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;
5. Completion of a master’s degree in educational leadership from a regionally accredited college or university or the equivalent thereof from another educational leadership program meeting approval of the department; and
6. Recommendation for certification from the designated official of a regionally accredited college or university or other educational leadership program approved by the department. This recommendation shall be based upon the completion of a planned program for preparation of building level administrators which includes at least twenty-six (26) semester hours of approved graduate credit, or an equivalent thereof which is approved by the department, in education courses focused upon administration and supervision of the school. The approved graduate credit shall include:
A. Coursework must be at the graduate level and fall within the following five (5) domains—
   (I) Visionary School Leadership;
   (II) Instructional School Leadership;
   (III) Managerial School Leadership;
   (IV) Relational School Leadership; and
   (V) Innovative School Leadership; and
B. Knowledge and/or competency in each of the following areas:
   (I) Visionary Leadership—
      (a) Understands the importance of a vision and can demonstrate how it relates to the context and culture of the school community;
      (b) Understands and can communicate the importance of all stakeholders knowing the collective mission, vision, and core values; and
      (c) Understands and can demonstrate how multiple sources of data are connected to a mission, vision, core values, and the legal and ethical handling of information;
   (II) Instructional Leadership—
      (a) Understands standards and can demonstrate how they apply to horizontal and vertical alignment of local curricula and content areas;
      (b) Understands a variety of research-based instructional practices and can demonstrate how to appropriately match learning content;
      (c) Understands and engages in meaningful feedback related to teacher professional growth;
      (d) Understands and demonstrates how to assess student learning using a variety of formal and informal assessments;
      (e) Engages in and demonstrates meaningful observation and feedback related to effective instructional practice;
      (f) Understands and can demonstrate multiple strategies for analyzing data to inform the instructional process; and
      (g) Understands the principles of adult learning and demonstrates how these help develop teacher capacity;
   (III) Managerial Leadership—
(a) Knows and can demonstrate how a safe and functional school facility and grounds support student learning;

(b) Understands and can demonstrate how to evaluate routines, procedures, and schedules support the school environment;

(c) Understands the tools and can demonstrate the skills required to determine key attributes of effective personnel and the legal and ethical decisions impacting evaluation;

(d) Understands and can demonstrate the necessity of establishing and communicating clear expectations, guidelines, and procedures, which respect the rights of all staff and students;

(e) Understands and can demonstrate the role of observation, feedback, and intervention for improving or removing personnel;

(f) Is knowledgeable of and can reflectively evaluate and communicate legal and ethical requirements regarding personnel records and reports;

(g) Understands and can communicate the legalities of how a school budget works and the major sources of revenue available to support school goals and priorities; and

(h) Understands and can communicate how non-fiscal resources support school goals and priorities;

(IV) Relational Leadership—

(a) Knows how and why analysis of student demographics is used to determine the overall diversity of a school and can explain its impact on the teaching and learning process;

(b) Understands and can communicate the in-school and out-of-school strategies and resources available to support the welfare of each student;

(c) Understands and can demonstrate how to build positive relationships in support of student learning and well-being;

(d) Understands and can demonstrate the components of building effective relationships with staff and cultivating ethical behaviors in others;

(e) Understands and can demonstrate how to develop a culture of support and respect among staff;

(f) Serves as a teacher leader and understands and demonstrates the importance of promoting teacher leadership;

(g) Understands and can communicate a variety of strategies and legal implications for building relationships with families; and

(h) Recognizes the importance of and can demonstrate how to build positive relationships with other community stakeholders;

(V) Innovative Leadership—

(a) Recognizes and can apply the knowledge, skills, and best practices that support continuous professional growth;

(b) Understands and has the capacity to develop professional networks as a key element of professional growth;

(c) Understands the importance of reflection and demonstrates a commitment to ongoing learning;

(d) Understands and can demonstrate the importance of feedback for improving performance;

(e) Understands and can demonstrate how time management is a key factor for maintaining a focus on school priorities;

(f) Recognizes and can demonstrate that beliefs based on new knowledge and understandings are used as a catalyst for change; and

(g) Demonstrates flexibility by being willing to vary an approach when circumstances change, and models ethical personal conduct.

(B) Field and Clinical Experiences (three (3) semester hours with a minimum of three hundred (300) clock hours)—

1. Major Clinical Experience (defined as an emphasis in either an elementary or secondary school placement). The major clinical experience in school leadership includes placements in which candidates have the opportunity to observe the importance and implementation of a school’s vision, mission, and goals; focus on teaching and student learning; effective management of organizational systems; importance of collaborating with families and stakeholders; maintaining ethical standards and integrity; and the role of continuous improvement through professional development. The candidate must log a total of fifty (50) clock hours in the minor experience, divided into the required number of hours per leadership domain as specified in the Missouri Standards for Professional Educators (MoSPE).

The remaining fifty (50) clock hours will be at the discretion of the program and candidate and will be divided among the leadership domains.

(2) An applicant for a Missouri Initial Administrator Certificate (Career and Technical Education Administrator, Grades 7-12) who possesses good moral character may be granted an Initial Administrator Certificate (Career and Technical Education Administrator, Grades 7-12) subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Career and Technical Education Administrator, Grades 7-12:

(A) Professional Requirements. An Initial Administrator Certificate (Career and Technical Education Administrator, Grades 7-12), valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date on the certificate, will be issued to applicants meeting the following requirements:

1. A permanent or professional education Missouri teaching certificate of license to teach;

2. A minimum of three (3) years of career education or secondary subject area teaching experience approved by the department;

3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.320 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

4. Completion of a course in Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;

5. Completion of a master’s degree in educational leadership from a regionally accredited college or university or the
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domains—

The approved graduate credit shall include:

A. Coursework must be at the graduate level and fall within the following five (5) domains—

(I) Visionary Leadership—

(a) Understands the importance of a vision and can demonstrate how it relates to the context and culture of the school community;

(b) Understands and can communicate the importance of all stakeholders knowing the collective mission, vision, and core values;

(c) Understands and can demonstrate how multiple sources of data are connected to a mission, vision, and core values and the legal and ethical handling of information;

(d) Knows the importance of utilizing employment trends and forecasting data to improve and expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming;

(e) Understands the importance of using common criteria and quality indicator (CCQI) of high quality CTE; and

(f) Understands how the history and philosophy of CTE impacts leadership in CTE;

(II) Instructional Leadership—

(a) Understands standards and can demonstrate how they apply to horizontal and vertical alignment of local curricula and content areas;

(b) Understands a variety of research-based instructional practices and can demonstrate how to appropriately match learning content;

(c) Understands and engages in meaningful feedback related to teacher professional growth;

(d) Understands and demonstrates how to assess student learning using a variety of formal and informal assessments;

(e) Engages in and demonstrates meaningful observation and feedback related to effective instructional practice;

(f) Understands and can demonstrate multiple strategies for analyzing data to inform the instructional process;

(g) Understands the principles of adult learning and can demonstrate how these help develop teacher capacity;

(h) Understands the process of CTE curriculum development and implementation utilizing business/industry/workforce partners with the importance of assessing performance and industry credentials;

(i) Ensures CTE instruction entails Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) components (e.g., technical, academic, workplace, personal skills); and

(j) Implements instructional goals, assessment methods, and work-based learning by utilizing business/industry/workforce partners to address workforce needs;

(III) Managerial Leadership—

(a) Knows and can demonstrate how a safe and functional school facility and grounds supports student learning;

(b) Understands and can demonstrate how routines, procedures, and schedules support the school environment;

(c) Understands the tools and can demonstrate the skills required to determine key attributes of effective personnel and the legal and ethical decisions impacting evaluation;

(d) Understands and can demonstrate the necessity of establishing and communicating clear expectations, guidelines, and procedures which respect the rights of all staff and students;

(e) Understands and can demonstrate the role of observation, feedback, and intervention for improving or removing personnel;

(f) Is knowledgeable of and can reflectively evaluate and communicate legal and ethical requirements regarding personnel records and reports;

(g) Understands and can communicate the legalities of how a school budget works and the major sources of revenue available to support school goals and priorities;

(h) Understanding and can communicate how non-fiscal resources support school goals and priorities;

(i) Utilizes CCQI to develop, evaluate, expand, and improve local CTE programs, including CTSOs and business, industry, and workforce partnerships;

(j) Assesses stakeholder needs for CTE program budget development, implementation, and oversight;

(k) Understands CTE financial management, including funding mechanisms, financial management system, CTE grants and requirements, and CTE financial coding;

(l) Understands the impact of local, state, and federal legislation on CTE program management; and

(m) Develops teacher and staff capacity to monitor budgets, implement program standards and curriculum, meet certification requirements, follow school policies, and manage CTSOs;

(IV) Relational Leadership—

(a) Knows how and why analysis of student demographics is used to determine the overall diversity of a school and can demonstrate its impact on the teaching and learning process;

(b) Understands and can communicate the in-school and out-of-school strategies and resources available to support the welfare of each student;

(c) Understands and can demonstrate how to build positive relationships in support of student learning and well-being;

(d) Understands and can demonstrate the components of building effective relationships with staff and cultivating ethical behaviors in others;

(e) Understands and can demonstrate how to develop a culture of support and respect among staff;

(f) Serves as a teacher leader and understands and demonstrates the importance of promoting teacher leadership;

(g) Understands and can communicate a variety of strategies and legal implications for building relationships with families;

(h) Recognizes the importance of and can demonstrate building positive relationships with other community stakeholders;

(i) Understands and can demonstrate the importance of building positive relationships with other community stakeholders, especially with CTE advisory committees and business/industry/workforce partners;

(j) Understands the unique needs of a CTE teacher who transitions from business/industry/workforce to the classroom; and

(k) Understands and can demonstrate the importance of building positive relationships with legislators and state agency staff;

(V) Innovative Leadership—

(a) Recognizes and can apply the knowledge, skills, and best practices that support continuous professional growth;

(b) Understands and has the capacity to develop the need for professional
networks as a key element of professional growth;

(c) Understands the importance of reflection and demonstrates a commitment to ongoing learning;

(d) Understands and can demonstrate the importance of feedback for improving performance;

(e) Understands and can demonstrate how time management is a key factor for maintaining a focus on school priorities;

(f) Recognizes and can demonstrate that beliefs based on new knowledge and understandings are used as a catalyst for change;

(g) Demonstrates flexibility by being willing to vary an approach when circumstances change, and models ethical personal conduct;

(h) Recognizes and demonstrates how business/industry/workforce partnerships influence or accelerate CTE program enhancement; and

(i) Understands and can communicate the unique professional development needs of a CTE teacher who transitions from business/industry/workforce to the classroom;

(B) Field and Clinical Experience (three (3) semester hours with a minimum of three hundred (300) clock hours).

1. The field and clinical experience in Career and Technical Education Administration shall include: placements in which candidates have the opportunity to observe the importance and implementation of a school’s vision, mission, and goals; focus on teaching and student learning; effective management of organizational systems; importance of collaborating with families and stakeholders; maintaining ethical standards and integrity; and the role of continuous improvement through professional development. The experience will provide the candidate with the opportunity to lead and direct specific activities. Candidates are active participants completing required assignments, and, as requested, working with students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders while under the supervision of the on-site and preparation program supervisors. The candidate must log a total of three hundred (300) clock hours in the major experience, divided into the required number of hours per leadership domain as specified in the Missouri Standards for Professional Educators (MoSPE).

(3) An applicant for a Missouri Initial Administrator Certificate (Special Education Director, Kindergarten-Grade 12) who possesses good moral character may be granted an Initial Administrator Certificate (Special Education Director, Kindergarten-Grade 12 subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Special Education Director, Kindergarten-Grade 12:

(A) Professional Requirements. An Initial Administrator Certificate (Special Education Director, Kindergarten-Grade 12), valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date on the certificate, will be issued to applicants meeting the following requirements:

1. The applicant shall hold a valid Missouri permanent or professional principal or school leader certificate; and

2. The applicant shall have completed the department’s approved Special Education Director micro-credentials.

(4) An applicant for a Missouri Initial Administrator Certificate (Superintendent, Kindergarten-Grade 12) who possesses good moral character may be granted an Initial Administrator Certificate (Superintendent, Kindergarten-Grade 12) subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Superintendent:

(A) Professional Requirements. An Initial Administrator certificate, valid for a period of four (4) years from the date of issuance, will be issued to applicants meeting the following requirements:

1. A permanent or professional Missouri certificate of license to teach;

2. A minimum of three (3) years of experience as a building- or district-level administrator at a public or accredited non-public school;

3. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

4. Completion of a course in Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;

5. Completion of an educational specialist or advanced degree program in educational leadership and recommendation from the designated official of a regionally accredited college or university or other education leadership program approved by the department which shall include:

A. Specific courses (must be separate graduate courses of at least two (2) semester hours)—

(I) Foundations of Educational Administration, including components of Career and Special Education;

(II) School Supervision; and

(III) School Law;

B. Knowledge and/or competency in each of the following areas:

(I) Vision, Mission, and Goals—

(a) Developing and articulating a vision; and

(b) Implementing and stewarding a vision;

(II) Teaching and Learning—

(a) Promoting positive school culture;

(b) Promoting effective instructional programs;

(c) Ensuring comprehensive professional growth plans; and

(d) Data and assessment;

(III) Management of Organizational Systems—

(a) Managing the organizational structure;

(b) Leading personnel;

(c) Managing resources; and

(d) Processes of effective evaluation of educators;

(IV) Collaboration with Families and Stakeholders—

(a) Collaborating with families and other community members;

(b) Responding to community interests and needs; and

(c) Mobilizing community resources;

(V) Ethics and Integrity—

(a) Personal and professional responsibilities;

(VI) The Education System—

(a) Understanding the larger context;

(b) Responding to the larger context; and

(c) Influencing the larger context;

(VII) Professional Development—

(a) Increasing knowledge and skills based on best practices; and

C. Directed field experiences in superintendent of at least three (3) semester hours.

(5) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2020.


5 CSR 20-400.620 Certification Requirements for Transition Administrator Certificate

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Transition Administrator Certificate.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri Transition Administrator Certificate who possesses good moral character may be granted a Transition Administrator Certificate subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Transition Administrator Certificates:

(A) The Transition Administrator Certificate, valid for a period of six (6) years from the effective date on the certificate, will be issued upon completion and verification of the following:

1. For applicants seeking a Transition Administrator Certificate for either Career Education Director (Secondary/Adult); Elementary Principal (Grades K-8); Middle School Principal (Grades 5-9); Secondary Principal (Grades 7-12); or Special Education Director (Grades K-12)—
   A. Four (4) years of administrator experience approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department);
   B. Participation in two (2) years of district-provided mentoring (during the first two (2) years of administrator experience);
   C. The development, implementation, and completion of a professional development plan of at least one hundred twenty (120) contact hours of professional development based on standards and quality indicators as required by the State Board of Education (board), or eight (8) semester hours of graduate credit toward an advanced degree in educational leadership, reading/literacy, or curriculum/instruction, or a combination of credits/professional development; and
   D. Successful participation in an annual performance-based principal’s evaluation.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.630 Certification Requirements for Career Continuous Administrator Certificate

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Career Continuous Administrator Certificate.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri Career Continuous Administrator Certificate who possesses good moral character may be granted a Career Continuous Administrator Certificate subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Career Continuous Administrator Certificates:

(A) The Career Continuous Administrator Certificate for either Career Education Director (Secondary/Adult); Elementary Principal (Grades K-8); Middle School Principal (Grades 5-9); Secondary Principal (Grades 7-12); or Special Education Director (Grades K-12) will be issued upon completion and verification of the following:

1. Ten (10) years of administrator experience approved by the board, or eight (8) semester hours of graduate credit toward a doctorate degree in educational leadership, or a combination of credits/professional development; and
2. Completion of thirty (30) contact hours of professional development in place with the school and meets at least two (2) of the following:
   1. Ten (10) years of administrator experience approved by the department;
   2. Participation in one (1) year of district-provided mentoring (during the first year of superintendent experience);
   3. The development, implementation, and completion of a professional development plan of at least one hundred twenty (120) contact hours of professional development based on standards and quality indicators as required by the board, or eight (8) semester hours of graduate credit toward a doctorate degree in educational leadership, or a combination of credits/professional development; and

(B) The holder of a Career Continuous Administrator Certificate for either Career Education Director (Secondary/Adult); Elementary Principal (Grades K-8); Middle School Principal (Grades 5-9); Secondary Principal (Grades 7-12); or Special Education Director (Grades K-12) is exempt from the thirty (30) contact hours of professional development if the holder has a local professional development plan in place with the school and meets at least two (2) of the following:

1. Ten (10) years of administrator experience approved by the department;
2. Completion of an educational specialist degree or higher, or the equivalent thereof, from a college or university or another educational leadership program meeting the approval of the department. Such degree, or the equivalent thereof, must be in educational leadership, reading/literacy, or curriculum/instruction; and/or
3. Certification from a nationally recognized professional administrator organization approved by the State Board of Education (board);

(C) The Career Continuous Administrator Certificate for applicants seeking a Career Continuous Administrator Certificate for Superintendent will be issued upon completion and verification of the following:

1. Four (4) years of district-level administrator experience approved by the department;
2. Participation in one (1) year of district-provided mentoring (during the first year of superintendent experience);
3. The development, implementation, and completion of a professional development plan of at least one hundred twenty (120) contact hours of professional development based on standards and quality indicators as required by the board, or eight (8) semester hours of graduate credit toward a doctorate degree in educational leadership, or a combination of credits/professional development; and

(D) The Career Continuous Administrator Certificate for Superintendent will remain valid based upon verification by the employing school district that the certificate holder—

1. Participated in a performance-based evaluation; and
2. Completed thirty (30) contact hours of professional development, or two (2) semester hours of graduate credit toward a doctorate degree in educational leadership, or a combination of professional development and graduate credit each year; and

(E) The holder of a Career Continuous Administrator Certificate for Superintendent is exempt from the thirty (30) contact hours of annual professional development if the holder has a local professional development plan in place with the school and meets at least two (2) of the following:

1. Ten (10) years of administrator experience approved by the department;
2. A doctorate degree in educational...
leadership from a regionally accredited college or university; and/or

3. Certification from a nationally recognized professional administrator organization approved by the board.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.640 Certification Requirements for Initial Student Services Certificate

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Initial Student Services Certificate.

(1) An applicant for a Missouri Initial Student Services Certificate, valid for a period of four (4) years, may be granted an Initial Student Services Certificate subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional requirements:

(A) The Initial Student Services Certificate for Career Education Counselor, valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of the certificate, will be issued to those persons meeting the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have secured a Career Education Counselor position in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification for the applicant;

2. The applicant must either—

   A. Possess a bachelor’s degree in education from an educator preparation program approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department); or

   B. Possess a permanent or professional or a career education certificate of license to teach; and

3. Completion of a minimum of a master’s degree from an accredited institution in one (1) of the following areas: education, school counseling, counseling, rehabilitation counseling, educational evaluation, counseling psychology, or a closely-related mental health discipline; and complete additional graduate coursework specific to school counseling, as designated by the recommending certification official approved by the department, including a supervised internship or field experience of at least three hundred (300) hours in an appropriate school setting;

(B) The Initial Student Services Certificate for Elementary Counselor (Grades K-8), valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of the certificate, will be issued to those persons meeting the following requirements:

1. Recommendation for certification from the designated official of a counselor preparation program approved by the department;

2. Completion of a course in Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child; and

3. The applicant must possess either—

   A. Completion of a master’s degree with a major emphasis in guidance and counseling from a college or university meeting approval of the department based upon the completion of a planned program of at least forty-two (42) semester hours of approved graduate credit in courses in guidance and counseling with at least twelve (12) semester hours focused upon guidance in the elementary schools—

      (I) Knowledge and/or competency in each of the following areas:

         (a) Student Development—

             I. Human Growth and Development;

             II. Counseling Theories and Interventions;

             III. Helping Relationships;

             IV. Social and Cultural Diversity;

             V. Appraisal of Student Growth and Achievement; and

         VI. Career Development and Planning;

         (b) Program Implementation—

             I. Structural Components;

             II. Program Components; and

             III. Technology; and

             IV. Program, Personnel, and Results Evaluation;

         (c) Professional Relationships—

             I. Interpersonal Skills; and

             III. Consultation Theories and Strategies; and

   B. Possess a bachelor’s degree in education from a counselor preparation program approved by the department; or

   C. Possess a permanent or professional or a career education certificate of license to teach; and

   D. Leadership and Advocacy—

         I. Personal Well-Being;

         II. Leadership and Professionalism;

         III. Student Advocacy;

         IV. Program Leadership; and

         V. School Climate and Culture;

   (d) Ethical and Professional Conduct—

         I. Ethical Standards;

         II. Professional Standards;

         III. District and School Policies; and

   (e) Culminating Clinical Experience. This refers to an elementary school placement(s) in which candidates actively participate and complete class assignments and work with students as requested while under the supervision of a counselor. The candidate should experience a wide range of class settings and have opportunities to collaborate with the supervising counselor, preparation program supervisors, and/or other stakeholders working to improve student learning;

   B. A master’s degree or higher degree in education, school counseling, counseling, counseling psychology, rehabilitation counseling, or a closely-related mental health discipline; and complete additional graduate coursework specific to school counseling, as designated by the recommending certification official approved by the department; along with the following:

      (I) Possess a bachelor’s degree in education from an educator preparation program approved by the department; or

      (II) Complete a curriculum in teaching methods and practices, classroom management, and the psychology of the exceptional child, as specified by the recommending certification officer of a program approved by the department; and

      (III) Field and Clinical Experience (minimum of three hundred (300) clock hours)—

         (a) Culminating Clinical Experience. This refers to an elementary school placement(s) in which candidates actively participate and complete class assignments and work with students as requested while under the supervision of a counselor. The candidate should experience a wide range of class settings and have opportunities to collaborate with the supervising counselor, preparation program supervisors, and/or other stakeholders working to improve student learning; and
4. Must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score of any assessment(s) required by the State Board of Education (board). The official score report shall be submitted to the department;

(C) The Initial Student Services Certificate for Secondary Counselor (Grades 7-12), valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of the certificate, will be issued to those persons meeting the following requirements:

1. Recommendation for certification from the designated official of an approved counselor preparation program;

2. Completion of a course in Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child; and

3. The applicant must possess either—

   A. A master’s degree with a major emphasis in guidance and counseling from a college or university meeting approval of the department based upon the completion of a planned program of at least forty-two (42) semester hours of approved graduate credit in courses in guidance and counseling with at least twelve (12) semester hours focused upon guidance in secondary schools—

      (I) Knowledge and/or competency in each of the following areas:

      (a) Student Development—

          I. Human Growth and Development;

          II. Counseling Theories and Interventions;

          III. Helping Relationships;

          IV. Social and Cultural Diversity;

          V. Appraisal of Student Growth and Achievement; and

          VI. Career Development and Planning;

      (b) Program Implementation—

          I. Structural Components;

          II. Program Components;

          III. Technology; and

          IV. Program, Personnel, and Results Evaluation;

      (c) Professional Relationships—

          I. Interpersonal Skills;

          II. Collaboration;

          III. Consultation Theories and Strategies; and

          IV. School and Community Involvement;

      (d) Leadership and Advocacy—

          I. Personal Well-Being;

          II. Leadership and Professionalism;

          III. Student Advocacy;

          IV. Program Leadership; and

          V. School Climate and Culture; and

   (e) Ethical and Professional Conduct—

      I. Ethical Standards;

      II. Professional Standards;

      III. District and School Policies; and

      IV. Legal Requirements; and

   (II) Field and Clinical Experience (minimum of three hundred (300) clock hours)—

      (a) Culminating Clinical Experience. This refers to a secondary school placement(s) in which candidates actively participate and complete class assignments and work with students as requested while under the supervision of a counselor. The candidate should experience a wide range of class settings and have opportunities to collaborate with the supervising counselor, preparation program supervisors, and/or other stakeholders working to improve student learning;

      B. A master’s degree or higher degree in education, school counseling, counseling psychology, rehabilitation counseling, or a closely-related mental health discipline; and completed additional graduate coursework specific to school counseling, as designated by the recommending certification official approved by the department; along with the following:

      (I) Possess a bachelor’s degree in education from an educator preparation program approved by the department; or

      (II) Complete a curriculum in teaching methods and practices, classroom management, and the psychology of the exceptional child, as specified by the recommending certification officer of a program approved by the department; and

   (III) Field and Clinical Experience (minimum of three hundred (300) clock hours)—

      (a) Culminating Clinical Experience. This refers to an elementary school placement(s) in which candidates actively participate and complete class assignments and work with students as requested while under the supervision of a counselor. The candidate should experience a wide range of class settings and have opportunities to collaborate with the supervising counselor, preparation program supervisors, and/or other stakeholders working to improve student learning;

      4. Must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score of any assessment(s) required by the board. The official score report shall be submitted to the department;

   (D) The Initial Student Services Certificate for School Psychological Examiner (Kindergarten – Grade 12), valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of the certificate, will be issued to those persons meeting the following requirements:

      1. The applicant shall hold a valid Missouri professional teaching certificate or student services certificate of license to teach as an elementary or secondary school counselor;

      2. Completion of a master’s degree from a college or university meeting approval of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in one (1) of the following areas:

         A. Counseling Psychology;

         B. Educational Psychology;

         C. School Counseling; and

         D. Education;

      3. Recommendation for certification from the designated official of an approved Psychological Examiner preparation program;

      4. Completion of a course in Psychology/Education of the Exceptional Child;

      5. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department; and

      6. A minimum of twenty-four (24) semester hours of professional preparation at the graduate level with competencies demonstrated in all areas listed to the satisfaction of an approved preparation program—

         A. Course Areas—

            (I) Psychological Development:

            Child, Adolescent, or Developmental Psychology;

            (II) Psychology of Education;

            (III) Statistical Methods;

            (IV) Psychology of Personality or Psychodiagnosics;

            (V) Psychological Tests and Measures for the Analysis of Student Performance;

            (VI) Individual Intelligence Tests; and

            (VII) Individual Diagnostic Assessments (other than the Wechsler Scales and the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale);

         B. Competencies—

            (I) Applying Methods and/or Techniques of Interpretation of Tests;

            (II) Analyzing and Identifying Differences to include tiered systems for supporting instruction and behavior;

            (III) Interpreting Formal and Informal Diagnostic Assessments and Applying to Guide Interventions;

            (IV) Utilizing Knowledge of
Classroom Environment, Psychological Principles, and Data to assist in the development of student educational plans;

(V) Applying Diagnostic Interviewing Techniques;

(VI) Collaborating and Consulting with Other Professionals to Identify Instructional Strategies;

(VII) Administering and Interpreting the Wechsler Scales, the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale, and other psychoeducational instruments; and

(VIII) Providing services consistent with ethical, legal, and professional standards; and

C. Field and Clinical Experiences (minimum of one hundred fifty (150) clock hours)—

(I) CULMINATING CLINICAL EXPERIENCE. This culminating clinical experience must be in an educational setting with children and youth of school age while under the supervision of a certified School Psychological Examiner or School Psychologist. The culminating clinical experience must include the administration and interpretation of individual intelligence tests, formal and informal diagnostic procedures, and the application of the information to develop instructional strategies;

(E) The Initial Student Services Certificate for School Psychologist, valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of the certificate, will be issued to those persons meeting the following requirements:

1. Completion of a specialist or higher degree with a major emphasis in school psychology from an approved School Psychologist preparation program;

2. Recommendation for certification from the designated official of a School Psychologist preparation program approved by the department;

3. A minimum of sixty (60) semester hours of professional preparation at the graduate level with competencies demonstrated in all areas listed to the satisfaction of an approved School Psychologist preparation program—

A. Psychological Foundations—

(I) Biological Bases of Behavior;

(II) Human Learning;

(III) Social and Cultural Bases of Behavior;

(IV) Child and Adolescent Development;

(V) Individual Differences, including human exceptionalities; and

(VI) Developmental Psychology;

B. Educational Foundations—

(I) Instructional Design; and

(II) Organization and Operations of Schools;

C. Interventions/Problem Solving—

(I) Diverse Methods and Models of Assessment;

(II) Linked to Direct Interventions; and

(III) Linked to Indirect Interventions;

D. Statistics and Research Methodologies—

(I) Statistics;

(II) Research and Evaluation Methods; and

(III) Measurement; and

E. Professional School Psychology—

(I) History and Foundations of School Psychology;

(II) Legal and Ethical Issues;

(III) Professional Issues and Standards;

(IV) Alternative Models for Delivery of School Psychological Services;

(V) Emergent Technologies; and

(VI) Roles and Functions of the School Psychologist;

4. Competencies—

A. Data-Based Decision Making and Accountability. School psychologists have knowledge of varied models and methods of assessment and data collection methods for identifying strengths and needs, developing effective services and programs, and measuring progress and outcomes. As part of a systematic and comprehensive process of effective decision making and problem solving that permeates all aspects of service delivery, school psychologists demonstrate skills to use psychological and educational assessment, data collection strategies, and technology resources and apply results to design, implement, and evaluate response to services and programs;

B. Consultation and Collaboration. School psychologists have knowledge of varied models and strategies of consultation, collaboration, and communication applicable to individuals, families, groups, and systems and methods to promote effective implementation of services. As part of a systematic and comprehensive process of effective decision making and problem solving that permeates all aspects of service delivery, school psychologists demonstrate skills to consult, collaborate, and communicate effectively with others;

C. Interventions and Instructional Support to Develop Academic Skills. School psychologists have knowledge of biological, cultural, and social influences on academic skills; human learning, cognitive, and developmental processes; and evidence-based curricula and instructional strategies. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, demonstrate skills to use assessment and data collection methods and to implement and evaluate services that support cognitive and academic skills;

D. Interventions and Mental Health Services to Develop Social and Life Skills. School psychologists have knowledge of biological, cultural, developmental, and social influences on behavior and mental health, behavioral and emotional impacts on learning and life skills, and evidence-based strategies to promote social–emotional functioning and mental health. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, demonstrate skills to use assessment and data-collection methods and to implement and evaluate services that support socialization, learning, and mental health;

E. School-Wide Practices to Promote Learning. School psychologists have knowledge of school and systems structure, organization, and theory; general and special education; technology resources; and evidence-based school practices that promote learning and mental health. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, demonstrate skills to develop and implement practices and strategies to create and maintain effective and supportive learning environments for children and others;

F. Preventive and Responsive Services. School psychologists have knowledge of principles and research related to resilience and risk factors in learning and mental health, services in schools and communities to support multi-tiered prevention, and evidence-based strategies for effective crisis response. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, demonstrate skills to promote services that enhance learning, mental health, safety, and physical well-being through protective and adaptive factors and to implement effective crisis preparation, response, and recovery;

G. Family–School Collaboration Services. School psychologists have knowledge of principles and research related to family systems, strengths, needs, and culture; evidence-based strategies to support family influences on children’s learning and mental health; and strategies to develop collaboration between families and schools. School psychologists, in collaboration with others, demonstrate skills to design, implement, and evaluate services that respond to culture and context and facilitate family and school partnerships and interactions with community agencies for enhancement of academic and social–behavioral outcomes for children;
H. Diversity in Development and Learning. School psychologists have knowledge of individual diversity factors for children, families, and schools, including factors related to culture, context, and individual and role differences; and evidence-based strategies to enhance services and address potential influences related to diversity. School psychologists demonstrate skills to provide effective professional services that promote effective functioning for individuals, families, and schools with diverse characteristics, cultures, and backgrounds and across multiple contexts, with recognition that an understanding and respect for diversity in development and learning and advocacy for social justice are foundations for all aspects of service delivery;

I. Research and Program Evaluation. School psychologists have knowledge of research design, statistics, measurement, varied data collection and analysis techniques, and program evaluation sufficient for understanding research and interpreting data in applied settings. School psychologists demonstrate skills to evaluate and apply research as a foundation for service delivery and, in collaboration with others, use various techniques and technology resources for data collection, measurement, and analysis to support effective practices at the individual, group, and/or systems levels;

J. Legal, Ethical, and Professional Practice. School psychologists have knowledge of the history and foundations of school psychology; multiple service models and methods; ethical, legal, and professional standards; and other factors related to professional identity and effective practice as school psychologists. School psychologists demonstrate skills to provide services consistent with ethical, legal, and professional standards; engage in responsive ethical and professional decision-making; collaborate with other professionals; and apply professional work characteristics needed for effective practice as school psychologists, including respect for human diversity and social justice, communication skills, effective interpersonal skills, responsibility, adaptability, initiative, dependability, and technology skills; and

K. Information and Technology. Demonstrate an understanding of information sources and technology relevant to their work;

5. The applicant must achieve a score equal to or in excess of the qualifying score on the required exit assessment(s) as defined in 5 CSR 20-400.310 and 5 CSR 20-400.440. The official score shall be submitted to the department;

6. Field and Clinical Experiences (minimum of one (1) year or one thousand two hundred (1,200) clock hours)—

A. Culminating Clinical Experience. This culminating clinical experience must be a planned program of experiences and supervised internship designed to achieve these competencies as part of an approved graduate degree program in school psychology. At least half of the internship must be completed in an educational setting. This internship experience will include opportunities to demonstrate skills learned in all coursework.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2019.


5 CSR 20-400.650 Certification Requirements for Career Continuous Student Services Certificate

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Career Continuous Student Services Certificate.

(1) An applicant for a Career Continuous Student Services Certificate who possesses good moral character may be granted a Career Continuous Student Services Certificate subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Career Continuous Student Services Certificates:

(A) The Career Continuous Student Services Certificate will be issued upon completion and verification of the following:

1. Four (4) years of experience approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) in specific area of Student Services Certification;

2. Participation in two (2) years of district-provided mentoring (during the first two (2) years of student services experience);

3. The development, implementation, and completion of a professional development plan of at least forty (40) contact hours of professional development, or three (3) semester hours of graduate credit toward an advanced degree;

4. Successful participation in an annual performance-based evaluation; and

5. For a Student Services Certificate—Speech-Language Pathologist, possession of a valid, unencumbered, undisqualified Missouri license in Speech-Language Pathology from the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

(B) The Career Continuous Student Services Certificate will remain valid upon verification of the following:

1. Continued participation in a performance-based evaluation;

2. Completion of twenty (20) contact hours of professional development annually; and

3. For a Student Services Certificate—Speech-Language Pathology, possession of a valid, unencumbered, undisqualified Missouri license in Speech-Language Pathology from the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

(C) The Career Continuous Student Services Certificate holder is exempt from additional professional development if the holder has a local professional development plan in place with the school and meets at least two (2) of the following:

1. For the Career Continuous Student Services - Career Education Counselor Certificate—

A. Ten (10) years of Career Education Counselor experience approved by the department;

B. An education specialist degree in School Counseling or a closely related field; and/or

C. Certification from a nationally recognized professional Counseling organization approved by the State Board of Education (board);

2. For the Career Continuous Student Services - Elementary Counselor (Grades K-8) Certificate—

A. Ten (10) years of School Counselor experience approved by the department;

B. An education specialist degree or higher in School Counseling or a closely related field; and/or

C. Certification from a nationally recognized professional School Counselor organization approved by the board;

3. For the Career Continuous Student Services – Secondary Counselor (Grades 7-12) Certificate—
A. Ten (10) years of School Counselor experience approved by the department;
B. An education specialist degree in School Counseling or a closely related field; and/or
C. Certification from a nationally recognized professional School Counselor organization approved by the board;
4. For the Career Continuous Student Services – School Psychological Examiner Certificate—
   A. Ten (10) years of School Psychological Examiner experience approved by the department;
   B. An education specialist degree in School Psychology or a closely related field; and/or
   C. Certification from a nationally recognized professional School Psychology organization approved by the board;
5. For the Career Continuous Student Services – School Psychologist Certificate—
   A. Ten (10) years of School Psychologist experience approved by the department;
   B. An education specialist degree in School Psychology or a closely related field; and/or
   C. Certification from a nationally recognized professional School Psychology organization approved by the board; and
6. For the Career Continuous Student Services – Speech-Language Pathologist (Birth – Grade 12) Certificate—
   A. Ten (10) years of Speech-Language Pathologist experience approved by the department;
   B. An education specialist degree in Speech-Language Pathology or a closely related field; and/or
   C. Certification from a nationally recognized professional Speech-Language Pathology organization approved by the board.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.660 Certification Requirements for Career Education (Secondary) Certificates

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Career Education (Secondary) Certificates.

1. Family, Consumer Sciences, and Human Services—
   A. Apparel and Textiles;
   B. Cosmetologist (requires professional licensing); and
   C. Culinary Arts:
      (i) For a Culinary Arts Certificate, candidates must satisfy the requirements of at least one (1) of the following:
         (a) Satisfaction of the General Requirements and Professional Requirements in sections (1)(A)-(B) of this rule; or
         (b) Satisfaction of the requirements below:
            I. Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, or Vocational Family Consumer Sciences; or possession of a valid Missouri professional teaching certificate in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences;
   II. Possession of a current Secondary Food Service Education Certificate from the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation, and a Serve Safe Certificate; and
   III. Two thousand (2000) hours of department-approved, related occupational experience from the most recent ten (10) years; or
   (c) Satisfaction of the requirements below:
      I. Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, or Vocational Family Consumer Sciences; or possession of a valid Missouri professional teaching certificate in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences;
      II. Possession of a current Secondary Culinary Education Certificate from the American Culinary Federation; and
      III. Two thousand (2000) hours of department-approved, related occupational experience from the most recent ten (10) years; or
   D. Family and Consumer Sciences Related Careers Cooperative Education; E. Food and Beverage/Restaurant Operations Manager; F. Food Production, Management, and Related Services; G. Hospitality Administration/Management, General; H. Housing and Home Environments; I. Human Development/Adult Development and Aging;
      (i) A Human Development/Adult Development and Aging certificate requires a minimum of an associate’s degree;
      J. Human Development/Child Care—
         (i) A Human Development/Child Care certificate requires a minimum of an associate’s degree;
2. Applicants for a Family and Consumer Sciences Career Education Certificate of license to teach in the specific area of Human Development/Child Care and Human Development/Adult Development and Aging must have a minimum of an associate’s or higher degree in an area appropriate for the subject area being taught and comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B) general and professional requirements. Applicants in the areas of Apparel and Textiles; Cosmetologist; Culinary Arts; Family and Consumer Sciences Related Careers Cooperative Education; Food and Beverage/Restaurant Operations Manager; Food Production, Management and Related Services; Hospitality, Administration/Management, General; and Housing and Home Environments must comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B) general and professional requirements.

3. Health Sciences—
   A. Dental Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   B. Dental Laboratory Technician;
   C. Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (requires professional licensing);
   D. Health Aide or Health Services Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   E. Medical Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   F. Medical Laboratory Technician;
   G. Medical Transcriptionist (requires professional licensing);
   H. Pharmacy Technician/Assistant (requires professional licensing); and
   I. Sign Language Interpreter (requires professional licensing);

4. The applicant for a Health Sciences Career Education Certificate of license to teach must comply with the general and professional requirements from paragraph (1)(C)(3) and the following:

   A. Applicant must provide a valid authorization from the applicable accrediting agency certifying that applicant meets requirements to teach in the subject area and student level of the institutional program; and

   B. Applicant must provide documentation of a valid, unencumbered, undisqualified professional license (if applicable for instructional area to be taught);

5. Skilled Technical Sciences—
   A. Certificate Titles—
      (I) Aircraft Mechanic/Technician, Powerplant (requires professional licensing);
      (II) Airframe Mechanic/Technician, Airframe (requires professional licensing);
      (III) Auto/Automotive Body Repairer;
      (IV) Auto/Automotive Mechanic/Technician;
      (V) Aviation Management;
      (VI) Building/Property Maintenance and Manager;
      (VII) Cabinet Maker and Millworker;
      (VIII) Carpenter;
      (IX) Cartography;
      (X) Commercial Photography;
      (XI) Computer Maintenance Technology/Technician;
      (XII) Construction/Building Technology/Technician;
      (XIII) Diesel Engine Mechanic and Repairer;
      (XIV) Drafting, General;
      (XV) Electrical and Electronics Equipment Installer and Repairer, General;
      (XVI) Electrician;
      (XVII) Fire Science/Firefighting;
      (XVIII) Graphic and Printing Equipment Operator, General;
      (XIX) Graphic Design, Commercial Art, and Illustration;
      (XX) Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanic and Repairer;
      (XXI) Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Repairer;
      (XXII) Industrial Technology/Technician;
      (XXIII) Laser and Optical Technology/Technician;
      (XXIV) Law Enforcement/Police Science;
      (XXV) Machinist/Machine Technologist;
      (XXVI) Marine Maintenance and Ship Repairer;
      (XXVII) Mason and Tile Setter;
      (XXVIII) Motorcycle Mechanic and Repairer;
      (XXIX) Plumbing Technology/Plumber;
      (XXX) Radio and Television Broadcasting Technology/Technician;
      (XXXI) Small Engine Mechanic and Repairer; and
      (XXXII) Welder/Welding Technologist;

6. The applicant for a Skilled Technical Sciences Career Education Certificate of license to teach must comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B) general and professional requirements and the following:

   A. The applicant must provide documentation of a valid, unencumbered, undisqualified license (if applicable for instructional area to be taught);

7. The applicant for a ROTC Career Education certificate of license to teach must comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B) general and professional requirements and:

8. The applicant for a Special Needs Career Education Certificate of license to teach must comply with the general and professional requirements from subsections (1)(A)-(B) and the following:

   A. Possession of a bachelor’s degree or higher from a college or university approved by the department;

   B. A valid professional classification Missouri certificate of license to teach in one of the following areas: elementary education, middle school, math (Grades 9-12), English (Grades 7-12), industrial arts, technology education, counseling, special education, or career education; and

   C. The applicant must provide documentation/transcripts of completion of a course in Methods of Teaching Disabled Students or a methods course appropriate to the disability area(s) of their employment.

(2) An applicant for a Career Education (Secondary) Missouri certificate of license to teach Personal Finance who possesses good moral character may be granted a Career Education (Secondary) Missouri certificate of license to teach Personal Finance subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Personal Finance:

   (A) General Requirements—
      1. The applicant must submit a joint application verifying contracted employment from a Missouri school district;

      2. Verification of a bachelor’s degree or higher in an area appropriate for the subject area being taught, and four thousand (4,000) hours of related occupational experience obtained within the most recent ten (10) years and approved by the department; and

      3. Completion of the assessment(s) required by the State Board of Education (board) with a score equal to or greater than the Missouri qualifying score. The official score must be submitted to the department.

   (3) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Career Education (Adult) Certificate.

(1) An applicant for a Career Education (Adult) Certificate who possesses good moral character may be granted a Career Education (Adult) Certificate subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional certification requirements specific to Career Education (Adult) Certificates:

(A) General Requirements—
1. The applicant must submit a joint application verifying contracted employment from a Missouri educational institution; and
2. One (1) of the following:
   A. Verification of a bachelor’s degree or higher in an area appropriate for the subject area being taught, and four thousand (4,000) hours of related occupational experience approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department) and obtained within the most recent ten (10) years; or
   B. Verification of an associate’s degree in an area appropriate for the subject area being taught, and five thousand (5,000) hours of related occupational experience within the most recent ten (10) years and approved by the department; or
   C. Verification of six thousand (6,000) hours of related occupational experience obtained within the most recent ten (10) years (only for Health Sciences and Skilled Technical Sciences areas) and approved by the department;
(B) Professional Requirements—
1. Verification of coursework in education not to exceed fifteen (15) credit hours to include competencies appropriate for the certificate area in: Curriculum; Methods; Assessment; and Foundations/Implementation;
(C) Certificate Titles and Specific Requirements for Each Specific Area of Career Education Certification—
1. Agricultural Education—
   A. Agricultural Education;
   B. Agricultural Business;
   C. Agricultural Mechanics;
   D. Agricultural Production;
   E. Agricultural Processing;
   F. Agricultural Resources;
   G. Agricultural Service/Supplies;
   H. Forestry; and
   I. Horticulture;
2. Business Education—
   A. Career Business Education;
3. Family, Consumer Sciences, and Human Services—
   A. Apparel and Textiles;
   B. Career Family and Consumer Sciences;
   C. Cosmetologist (requires professional licensing);
   D. Culinary Arts;
   (I) For a Culinary Arts Certificate, candidates must satisfy the requirements of at least one (1) of the following:
   (a) Satisfaction of the General Requirements and Professional Requirements in sections (1)(A)-(B) of this rule; or
   (b) Satisfaction of the requirements below:
      I. Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, or Vocational Family Consumer Sciences; or possession of a valid Missouri professional teaching certificate in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences;
      II. Possession of a current Secondary Food Service Education Certificate from the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation, and a Serve Safe Certificate; and
      III. Two thousand (2000) hours of department-approved, related occupational experience from the most recent ten (10) years; or
      (c) Satisfaction of the requirements below:
         I. Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, or Vocational Family Consumer Sciences; or possession of a valid Missouri professional teaching certificate in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences;
         II. Possession of a current Secondary Culinary Education Certificate from the American Culinary Federation; and
         III. Two thousand (2000) hours of department-approved, related occupational experience from the most recent ten (10) years; or
         E. Dietetic Services;
         F. Food and Beverage/Restaurant Operations Manager;
   G. Food Production, Management and Related Services—
   H. Hospitality Administration/Management, General;
   I. Housing and Home Environments;
   J. Human Development/Adult Development and Aging;
   K. Human Development/Child Care; and
   L. Massage Therapy (requires professional licensing);
4. The applicant for a Family and Consumer Science Career Education Certificate of license to teach in the specific area of Human Development/Child Care and Human Development/Adult Development and Aging must have a minimum of an associate’s or higher degree in an area appropriate for the subject area being taught and comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B). Applicants in the areas of Apparel and Textiles; Career Family and Consumer Sciences; Culinary Arts; Food and Beverage/Restaurant Operation Manager; Food Production, Management and Related Services; and Housing Environments must comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B).
5. Health Sciences—
   A. Dental Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   B. Dental Hygienist (requires professional licensing);
   C. Dental Laboratory Technician;
   D. Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technician (requires professional licensing);
   E. Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (requires professional licensing);
   F. Funeral Service and Mortuary Science (requires professional licensing);
   G. Health Professions and Related Sciences, Other;
   H. Health Unit Coordinator/Ward Clerk;
   I. Licensed Practical Nursing (requires professional licensing);
   J. Medical Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   K. Medical Laboratory Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   L. Medical Laboratory Technician (requires professional licensing);
   M. Medical Radiologic Technology/Technician (requires professional licensing);
   N. Medical Record Technology/Technician (requires professional licensing);
   O. Medical Transcription (requires professional licensing);
   P. Nursing Assistant/Aide;
   Q. Nursing, Other (requires professional licensing);
   R. Occupational Therapy Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   S. Pharmacy Technician/Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   T. Physical Therapy Assistant (requires professional licensing);
   U. Registered Nursing Training
(requires professional licensing); 
V. Respiratory Therapy Technician (requires professional licensing); 
W. Sign Language Interpreter (requires professional licensing); and 
X. Surgical/Operating Room Technology (requires professional licensing); 
6. The applicant for a Health Sciences Career Education Certificate of license to teach must comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B) and the following: 
A. Applicant must provide a valid authorization from the applicable certifying agency certifying that applicant meets requirements to teach in the subject area and student level of the instructional program; and 
B. Applicant must provide documentation of a valid, unencumbered, disciplined professional license (if applicable for instructional area to be taught); 
7. Marketing Education— 
A. Marketing; 
8. Skilled Technical Sciences— 
A. Certification Titles— 
(I) Aircraft Mechanic/Technician, Powerplant (requires professional licensing); 
(II) Airframe Mechanic/Technician, Airframe (requires professional licensing); 
(III) Architectural Engineering Technology/Technician; 
(IV) Auto/Automotive Body Repairer; 
(V) Auto/Automotive Mechanic/Technician; 
(VI) Automotive Engineering Technology/Technician; 
(VII) Aviation Management; 
(VIII) Aviation Systems and Avionics Maintenance Technology/Technician (requires professional licensing); 
(IX) Biomedical Engineering-Related Technology/Technician; 
(X) Building/Property Maintenance and Manager; 
(XI) Cabinet Maker and Millworker; 
(XII) Carpenter; 
(XIII) Cartography; 
(XIV) Chemical Technology/Technician; 
(XV) Civil Engineering/Civil Technology/Technician; 
(XVI) Commercial Photography; 
(XVII) Communications Systems Installer and Repairer; 
(XVIII) Computer Installer and Repairer; 
(XIX) Computer Maintenance Technology/Technician; 
(XX) Construction Equipment Operator; 
(XXI) Construction/Building Technology/Technician; 
(XXII) Diesel Engine Mechanic and Repairer; 
(XXIII) Drafting, General; 
(XXIV) Electrical and Electronics Equipment Installer and Repairer, General; 
(XXV) Electrical and Power Transmission Installer, General; 
(XXVI) Electromechanical Technology/Technician; 
(XXVII) Fire Protection and Safety Technology/Technician; 
(XXVIII) Fire Science/Firefighting; 
(XXIX) Graphic and Printing Equipment Operator, General; 
(XXX) Graphic Design, Commercial Art, and Illustration; 
(XXXI) Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanic and Repairer; 
(XXXII) Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Repairer; 
(XXXIII) Industrial Design; 
(XXXIV) Industrial Electronics Installer and Repairer; 
(XXXV) Industrial Machinery Maintenance and Repairer; 
(XXXVI) Instrumentation Technology/Technician; 
(XXXVII) Ironworking/Ironworker; 
(XXXVIII) Laser and Optical Technology/Technician; 
(XXXIX) Law Enforcement/Police Science; 
(XL) Machinist/Machine Technologist; 
(XLI) Major Appliance Installer and Repairer; 
(XLII) Manufacturing Technology; 
(XLIII) Marine Maintenance and Ship Repairer; 
(XLIV) Mason and Tile Setter; 
(XLV) Mechanical Engineering/Mechanical Technology/Technician; 
(XLVII) Nuclear Engineering Technology/Technician; 
(XLVIII) Occupational Safety and Health Technology/Technician; 
(XLIX) Painter and Wall Coverer; 
(L) Pipefitting/Pipefitter and Sprinkler Fitter; 
(LL) Plumbing Technology/Plumber; 
(LII) Quality Control Technology/Technician; 
(LIII) Radio and Television Broadcasting Technology/Technician; 
(LIV) Robotics Technology/Technician; 
(LV) Sheet Metal Worker; 
(LVI) Small Engine Mechanic and Repairer; 
(LVII) Truck, Bus, and Other Commercial Vehicle Operator (requires professional licensing); 
(LVIII) Upholsterer; 
(LIX) Water Quality and Wastewater Treatment Technology/Technician; and 
(LX) Welder/Welding Technology; 
9. The applicant for a Skilled Technical Sciences career education certificate of license to teach must comply with subsections (1)(A)-(B) and the following: 
A. Applicant must provide documentation of a valid, unencumbered, disciplined copy of their professional license (if applicable for instructional area to be taught). 
(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.680 Certification Requirements for Career Education (Secondary/Adult) Certificates

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Career Education (Secondary/Adult) Certificate.

(1) An applicant for a Career Education (Secondary/Adult) Certificate, valid for a period of four (4) years, may be granted a Career Education (Secondary/Adult) Certificate subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional requirements:

(A) Applicants for a Career Services Coordinator (Secondary/Adult) Career Education Certificate, valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of the certificate, will be issued such a certificate subject to the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have secured a Career Services Coordinator position in their
area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification for the applicant; and

2. The applicant must possess a bachelor’s degree or higher degree in a business-related field or human resources.

(B) Applicants for an Adult Education Supervisor (Secondary/Adult) Career Education Certificate, valid for a period of four (4) years from the effective date of the certificate, will be issued such a certificate subject to the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have secured employment in their area of professional/technical preparation and/or training and the employing school district or postsecondary institution must request and endorse certification; and

2. The applicant must possess a bachelor’s degree or higher.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.690 Certification Requirements for Career Continuous Career Education Certificate

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach in any of the public schools of the state and establish requirements and qualifications for those certificates. This rule outlines the requirements for application for each of the various areas of certification within the Career Continuous Career Education Certificate.

(C) The CCCE holder is exempt from the specific career education subject area for which the educator seeks certification each school year.

1. Individuals possessing a CCCE who do not complete thirty (30) contact hours of professional development each school year may, within two (2) years, make up the missing hours. The individual must first meet the thirty (30) hour requirement for the current year and then count the excess hours as make-up hours.

2. A CCCE becomes inactive if the individual does not make up the requisite hours within two (2) school years.

3. A CCCE may be reactivated by the individual by completing twenty-four (24) contact hours of professional development within six (6) months prior to or after the reactivation of the certificate. Failure of the individual to complete the twenty-four (24) contact hours within six (6) months will result in the certificate becoming inactive.

(C) The CCCE holder is exempt from the thirty (30) contact hours of professional development, if the holder has a local professional development plan in place with the school and at least two (2) of the following:

1. Ten (10) years of teaching experience approved by the department;

2. A master’s degree from an accredited college or university; and/or

3. Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

(2) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.


5 CSR 20-400.700 Certification Requirements for Adult Education and Literacy

PURPOSE: The State Board of Education is authorized to grant certificates of license to teach Adult Education and Literacy who possesses good moral character may be granted an initial Missouri certificate of license to teach Adult Education and Literacy, valid for a period of four (4) years, subject to the certification requirements found in 5 CSR 20-400.500 and the following additional requirements specific to an initial Adult Education and Literacy Certificate:

(A) Professional Requirements—

1. A bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree from a college or university approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (department);

2. Successful completion of a pre-certification workshop authorized by the department no later than three (3) months after hire date; and

3. Completion and submission of any required pre- and/or post-workshop activity to the department;

(2) Career Continuous Adult Education and Literacy Certificate—

(A) A Career Continuous Adult Education and Literacy Certificate may be issued to an applicant upon submission of an application
for such certification and verification of the following:

1. Four (4) years of teaching experience approved by the department;
2. Participation in a two (2) year mentoring program with an experienced teacher of Adult Education and Literacy;
3. Participation in any required workshops;
4. Participation in sixty (60) hours of professional development in addition to required workshops;
5. Participation in an annual performance-based teacher evaluation (PBTE); and
6. Accumulation of a minimum of one hundred (100) Adult Education and Literacy instructional hours per year during the four (4) years of state approved teaching experience; and

(B) A Career Continuous Adult Education and Literacy Certificate holder is exempt from the twenty (20) contact hours of professional development, if the holder has a local professional development plan in place with the school and at least two (2) of the following:

1. Ten (10) years of teaching experience approved by the department;
2. Accumulation of a minimum of one hundred (100) Adult Education and Literacy instructional hours per year during the ten (10) years of state approved teaching experience; and/or
3. A masters degree from an accredited college or university.

(3) The requirements of this rule shall become effective August 1, 2017.
