

Missouri NEA MACCE Report

*Notes from the December 7, 2020 meeting of the
Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

Substitute Certificate Update

In August 2020, as a strategy to address chronic shortages of substitute teachers, the Missouri State Board of Education approved an emergency rule that allowed a 20-clock hour, DESE-approved, online training as an alternate to 60 college credit hours for obtaining a substitute teacher certificate. To date, 3,100 candidates have completed the training and 1,040 candidates have received a substitute teacher certificate. Citing the brief amount of time available to collect and analyze data on the effectiveness of substitute teachers who have taken the online training, DESE has withdrawn a proposal to make the emergency process permanent.

GPA Certification Requirement for Initial Teacher Certification

DESE proposed eliminating the cumulative 2.75 GPA requirement for teacher certification. The 3.0 GPA requirement for content area and professional knowledge will remain in place. DESE staff informed the committee that over the last three years, ninety candidates for teacher certification have been blocked by the cumulative 2.75 GPA requirement, 27%-33% of those were candidates of color. None of Missouri's border states have a cumulative GPA requirement for initial licensure. Public comments on the change will be open until December 31. MACCE supports the recommendation.

Review of Leadership Micro-Credentials

The Missouri Leadership Development System [micro-credentials](#) will be incorporated into the upgrades of the K-12 School Leader certificate. As an alternative to graduate courses, candidates can choose to demonstrate mastery of identified competencies, earning fifteen digital badges to receive a certification upgrade from DESE. The required micro-credentials include Visionary Leadership, Instructional Leadership, Managerial Leadership, Relational Leadership, and Innovative Leadership.

Educator Preparation Updates

As a result of the pandemic closure of schools in spring 2020, the Governor waived the exit requirements for candidates that were in their final field experiences and lost approximately half a semester of field experience. During the current semester, approximately 50% of student teachers are training in onsite classrooms, 25% are training virtually, and 25% are involved in a hybrid model of instruction. Missouri Educator Gateway Assessment test centers have reopened and are operating at reduced capacity to allow for social distancing. An online testing option is available. The new Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE) [framework](#) became effective in October.

Special Reading K-12 Certificate Subcommittee Report

MACCE received a report on the revision of the Special Reading K-12 Certificate and reviewed survey responses.

The next MACCE meeting will be on February 1, 2021. If you have any questions please contact Rebeka McIntosh or Ann Jarrett. Details of MACCE agenda items can be found at: <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/macce-news-and-updates>

Respectfully submitted,

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