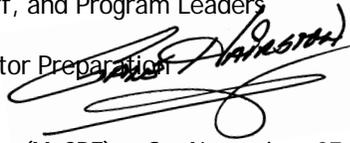


To: Educator Preparation Students, Faculty/Staff, and Program Leaders
 Topic: Important Changes in Educator Preparation
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Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE): On November 27, 2012, the Missouri State Board of Education approved the Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE). This is a comprehensive approach to educator preparation that includes several significant changes for students and educator preparation programs. This memo focuses on two of those changes.

Grade Point Average at Program Completion: The new grade point average requirements will go into effect for candidates who are exiting their educator preparation programs (traditional or non-traditional) in Spring 2017. The new grade point average requirements are 2.75 cumulative, 3.00 in the content area, and 3.00 in professional education coursework. For example -

- The freshmen class of Fall 2013 completing a traditional (4 year program) will be held to the new grade point average requirements upon program completion beginning Spring 2017.
- The candidates completing non-traditional (2 year programs) will be held to the new grade point average requirements upon program completion beginning Spring of 2017.
- The focus regarding the change in grade point average is upon the exit or completion date of the candidates program. The new certification requirements for grade point averages will be in effect for all program completers beginning Spring 2017.

Upcoming Change in the Required *CollegeBASE* - General Education Assessment: We are changing the assessment required for general education knowledge and skills. Currently, the *CollegeBASE* assessment is used for this purpose. We will be changing to a different general education assessment on September 1, 2013. Key Points -

- *CollegeBASE* will not be administered as an entry assessment for Missouri teacher preparation programs after December 31, 2013.
- Students who have not successfully passed all subtests on December 31, 2013, will be required to take the new general education assessment for admittance into an educator preparation program.

The following chart outlines the implementation plan for exiting the *CollegeBASE* and transitioning to the new assessment.

| Current <i>CollegeBASE</i> General Education Assessment | | |
|---|--|---|
| Last Opportunities to Pass Remaining <i>CollegeBASE</i> Subtests Only | | Remaining Test Windows in 2013 |
| | | September 14-21 |
| | | November 18-23 |
| Missouri General Education Assessment | | |
| August-September 2013 | Registration Opens | September 2013 |
| Finalize Development of Test & Supporting Materials | September 17, 2013 www.Mo.nesinc.com | First Administration on September 23, 2013 General Education Skills Assessment |

If you have any questions and/or need any additional information about these two changes, please email the Office of Educator Preparation at EQPrep@dese.mo.gov.

Best wishes for the Fall Semester of 2013!