

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Office of Educator Quality  
Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE)  
Developmental Levels & Minimum Requirements for Standard #3 – Initial Field & Clinical Experiences**

	<b>Early Level</b>	<b>Mid-Level</b>	<b>Culminating Level</b>
<b>Levels and Definitions</b>	Observations & Limited Experiences with Students	Observations & Structured Experiences with Students	Student Teaching in Collaboration with Cooperating Teacher
<b>Length of Experience</b>	Minimum of 30 Clock Hours	Minimum of 45 Clock Hours	Minimum of 12 Weeks in One Placement
<b>Cooperating Teachers</b>	<b>Cooperating Teachers Should Meet the Following Criteria for Each Level.</b>		
	<p>In order to host a candidate involved in the Early Level Experience, the cooperating teacher should be at the performance level of a professional teacher early in his/her career who has demonstrated growth in teaching, content knowledge, and skills. The cooperating teacher demonstrates continued professional growth in meeting new experiences and expectations of the classroom, school, district, and community. The cooperating teacher continues to advance student growth and achievement.</p>	<p>In order to host a candidate involved in the Mid-Level or the Culminating Level Experiences, the cooperating teacher should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the performance expected of a career, professional teacher who continues to advance his/her knowledge and skills while consistently advancing student growth and achievement.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the performance expected of a career, professional teacher who exceeds proficiency and contributes to the profession and the larger community while consistently advancing student growth and achievement. The teacher serves as an educational leader in the school, district, and the profession.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Minimum Degree Requirement</b>		
	Bachelor Degree	Master Degree	
	<b>Minimum Experience &amp; Certification Requirements</b>		
	Minimum of 3 Years of Approved PK-12 Teaching Experience State Approved Certification in the Specific Grade Range and Area of Certification		

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<b>Field &amp; Clinical Supervisors</b>	<b>Minimum Degree Requirement</b>			
	Master Degree	Master Degree Plus Additional Credit Hours and/or Experiences		
	<b>Minimum Years of Experience &amp; Expertise</b>			
	Minimum of 3 Years of Experience in PK-12 Schools and/or Educator Preparation	Minimum of 3 to 5 Years of Experience In PK-12 Schools and/or Educator Preparation		
	General Practitioner	PK-12 Knowledge & Expertise with Students, Content, and/or Pedagogy		
	Ability to Interact, Mentor, Communicate, and Provide Feedback to Students and On-Site Supervisors			
	<b>Minimum Number of Contacts &amp; Observations</b>			
			Weekly Contact with Student Teachers and Cooperating Teachers	
		One Observation Every Two or Three Weeks		

For additional information about the Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators, please contact the Office of Educator Quality at 573-751-1668 or by email to [Gale.Hairston@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Gale.Hairston@dese.mo.gov). Information is also available on the Department website <http://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/educator-preparation>.

