



Gifted Certification Requirements Beginning August 1, 2017

General Requirements

1. Valid Missouri Teaching Certification
2. Two-Years of 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 5CSR 20-400.440. ***There currently is no exit exam for gifted certification and requirement # 3 does not apply.***

Professional Requirements (Minimum of 23 semester hours)

1. Psychology and/or Education of the Exceptional Child (two semester hours)
2. Gifted Content Knowledge Area – Minimum of 15 semester hours which must include:
 - a. A Survey of Gifted and Talented Education
 - b. Programming, Planning and Development: An Understanding of Administration and Supervision of Gifted Programs
 - c. Screening, Assessing, and Evaluating Gifted Students
 - d. Curriculum and Instruction for the Gifted
 - e. Meeting the Affective Needs of Gifted Students
3. Graduate course in Research Procedures (three semester hours)
4. Culminating Clinical Experience with Gifted Students (three semester hours to include both elementary and secondary settings)

Temporary Authorization (TAC) or Provisional Certificate in Gifted

If you already hold a valid Missouri professional teaching certificate, you may obtain a temporary authorization or provisional (if within 12 hours of completing the requirements) certificate in gifted. A temporary authorization certificate is a one-year, renewable certificate that requires 9 semester hours of college credit each year in order to be renewed. When the requirements are completed, the individual receives a professional certificate. Please contact Robyn Segall, Educator Certification Supervisor, Office of Educator Quality, 573-751-8337 for further information.