Teacher Education FAQ List

What is the process of transferring with the AAT?

The semester prior to completing your AAT, you should submit your application and send all completed transcripts to date to the University. You can then begin your Teacher Education program application if you have met all qualifications. Your AAT will meet all of the General Education requirements at Missouri Southern.

Transfer Admissions:  http://www.mssu.edu/advancement/admissions/transfer.php
Teacher Education Application: http://www.mssu.edu/academics/education/teacher/tentative-application.php

What are the steps and deadlines of which I need to be aware?

There is a meeting for students early in each semester for those interested in beginning Junior Block the following semester. This meeting will outline the steps and process for making application to the Teacher Education program. The steps are outlined in the Teacher Education Application link above. You must meet ALL of the steps in order to apply for tentative admission to Teacher Education.

What is the minimum college GPA for transfer?

You must have a 2.75 GPA to be admitted to Teacher Education.

What is the minimum Missouri General Education Assessment score?

MSSU is in the process of selecting MoGEA scores for the 2015-2016 year. The state will set the scores beginning August 29, 2016.

What types of scholarships do you offer?

The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to $4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve in which you agree to (among other requirements) teach in a high-need field at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families for at least four complete academic years within eight years after completing the course of study for which you received the grant.


What features of your program set it apart from other teacher education programs?

The MSSU Teacher Education program is nationally accredited and made up of faculty and staff who are dedicated to developing the best possible teachers for tomorrow’s classrooms.

Our faculty and staff:
- are experts in the field and have experience in education P-12
- care about our students, make time for them, and have their best interest at heart
- help guide students through the program to completion and a career in education

Students will:
- attend small classes and receive personal attention from their professors
- participate in active, hands-on lessons using the newest technology and create real-world projects that are classroom ready
- have the opportunity to participate in community service and internships that give them classroom experience

Missouri Southern Teacher Education is an NCATE and Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education accredited program. It is also the first teacher education program in Missouri, and one of the top 15 in the United States to undergo CAEP accreditation.
How does your program help to prepare students to become effective classroom teachers?

Area principals and administrators want to hire MSSU graduates because they know they are prepared to step into the classroom and teach from day one.

Administrators hire MSSU graduates:

"The Joplin School District appreciates our partnership with Missouri Southern. We know that when we get a Missouri Southern graduate, we are getting an educator who is highly trained, understands the challenges and opportunities in Missouri schools, and has a sincere desire to make a difference in the lives of children. We are fortunate to have such a highly productive teacher education program in our backyard."

Dr. C.J. Huff, Former Superintendent-Joplin School District

"The Missouri Southern Teacher Education Program prepares teachers in many ways to be successful in the classroom. The administration and faculty get to know their students very well, and they offer outstanding assistance so each teacher candidate can learn and gain the confidence needed to be ready for his/her first teaching assignment. MSSU teachers are ready to contribute on day one, and they understand what it takes to work in a team atmosphere at school!"

Dr. Kerry Sachetta, Principal-Joplin High School

"MSSU consistently graduates teachers prepared to make a positive difference in the lives of our students." Stephen Gilbreth, Principal-Memorial Middle School, Joplin School District

"The MSSU Teacher Education program is progressive and innovative in this age of educational change and produces exceptional, high-quality teachers!"

Ms. Kathy Tackett, Asst. Superintendent-Carl Junction Schools