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WHY TEACHER EDUCATION AT MSSU?

The MSSU Teacher Education department has a comprehensive set of programs designed to create knowledgeable and skilled teachers for today's classrooms.

Our faculty and staff are experts in the field and have extensive experience in P-12 education. At MSSU, 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, professional development, and clinical internships that provide them career-specific experience.

WHAT GRADE LEVELS AND CONTENT AREAS CAN I PREPARE TO TEACH?

MSSU offers the following undergraduate programs that lead to teacher certification:

- **K-12:** Art, Physical Education, French, Spanish, Music (vocal or instrumental)
- **Elementary (grades 1-6):** Select one of the following pathways: Early Childhood (B-3), Special Education (K-12), or English Language Learning (K-12)
- **Middle School (grades 5-9):** English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Science
- **Secondary (grades 9-12):** Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, Math, Physics, Social Science, Speech and Theatre

Students can also continue their education at MSSU in one of our two graduate programs. MSSU offers master's degree programs in the following areas:

- Elementary/Secondary School Administration
- Curriculum and Instruction

Students may also take undergraduate or graduate coursework for English Language Learning certification.

WHAT FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES EXIST?

TEACH grant | Students who have been accepted to the Teacher Education program and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be considered for a TEACH grant. See more information at studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach

MSSU Foundation Scholarships | Generous donors fund several scholarships designated for Teacher Education majors. To apply, visit mssu.edu/student-affairs/financial-aid/scholarships/patron-scholarships.php. The application window is October 1 to December 15 of each year.

WHAT DO AREA ADMINISTRATORS SAY ABOUT MSSU TEACHER EDUCATION GRADUATES?

"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

Assistant Superintendent, Joplin Schools

"MSSU consistently graduates teachers prepared to make a positive difference in the lives of our students."

- Dr. Stephen Gilbreth

Principal, Joplin High School



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

- Dr. Kathy Tackett

Assistant Superintendent, Carl Junction Schools

The Teacher Education program at MSSU has earned national accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and all programs are approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

