

To: Deans, Unit Leaders, Certification Officers, Field & Clinical, and Assessment Directors
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Re: Mild-Moderate Missouri Content Assessment Update
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The Missouri Content Assessments were adopted in 2014; new certification requirements became effective in 2017. Based upon a recent content assessment and certification review, as well as feedback received from school districts, educator preparation programs, and professional organizations, it has been determined that the four elementary education subtests will no longer be required for the Mild-Moderate Cross-Categorical certificate. Results of the review indicated that the Mild-Moderate Cross Categorical Special Education Assessment includes the necessary core content that candidates need, thereby allowing for the elimination of the four elementary education subtests. Candidates seeking a Mild-Moderate Cross-Categorical certificate will still be required to pass the Missouri Content Assessment for Mild-Moderate Cross-Categorical Special Education. This change will become effective immediately.

In an ongoing effort to ensure that all assessments are aligned to the certification standards, the Office of Educator Preparation will complete a framework review of the Missouri Content Assessment for Mild-Moderate Cross-Categorical Special Education. This review will include representatives from Pearson Education, PK-12 educators, as well as educator preparation program faculty. Results of this review will provide the information necessary to ensure that the Mild-Moderate Cross Categorical Special Education assessment is measuring the competencies required for a Mild-Moderate Cross Categorical Special Education teaching certificate.