

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is leading the development and use of a statewide assessment plan known as Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA). This assessment plan will consist of the following assessments:

- Grade Point Averages: Candidate's who entered their programs in fall 2013 or after, or if they apply for educator certification in spring 2017 or after, will be required to meet grade point average requirements of 2.75 cumulative, 3.00 in their content courses, and 3.00 in their professional education courses.
- The Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA), which will replace the CBASE. The MoGEA will be developed by Pearson, and at the time of writing has not been fully developed nor have benchmarks been established. The MoGEA will be used for the first time in the Fall 2013. After August 2013, candidates will no longer be able to take the full CBASE in order to gain acceptance into a program.
- The Missouri Educator Profile (MEP) will assess candidates in regards to their dispositions. This will be a web based assessment and will begin administration September 3, 2013. The MEP will be given to candidates twice, once after admission into their program, and then upon program completion.
- The Missouri Performance Assessment is being developed by ETS and will be used to replace the TWS beginning in the Fall of 2014. This will also be a web-based assessment relying heavily on a video component.

The assessment coordinator and other PEU staff have been heavily involved in the development and review of these new MEGA assessments. We are confident that our candidates will be fully prepared to meet any benchmarks that will be set.