

To: Deans, Unit Leaders, Certification Officers, Field & Clinical, and Assessment Directors
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Re: DESE Interpretation of “Advanced Programs” for CAEP Review
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Consistent with the MO DESE-CAEP state partnership agreement, DESE holds responsibility for determining which Missouri educator preparation programs qualify as “Advanced Programs” for CAEP Review.

Based on a recent CAEP site visit in Missouri, we want to clarify Advanced Programs as those leading to a certification for which *DESE requires an advanced degree*. Currently these certification areas include:

- Career Education Director 7-12
- Principal K-8
- Principal 5-9
- Principal 7-12
- Special Education Director K-12
- Superintendent K-12
- Counselor 7-12
- School Psychologist K-12
- School Psychological Examiner K-12

For the purposes of CAEP review, a program will only be considered “Advanced” if the above condition is true, by DESE certification requirements. Only the certification areas listed above will be reviewed as CAEP Advanced Programs. Programs offered at a post-baccalaureate or graduate level that lead to an initial state certificate (e.g., MAT programs, School Librarian) will be considered Initial Programs for CAEP review. Programs leading to an add-on certification for which DESE does not require an advanced degree (e.g., ELL, Special Reading, Math Specialist, Gifted Education) will not be included in CAEP reviews.

*Note that as grade level bands for certification areas are revised, associated programs will also be considered (e.g., the new Building Leader K-12 will qualify as advanced).

We hope this helps you prepare for upcoming CAEP reviews at your institutions and ask you to forward this information to your CAEP review team as appropriate.