



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT
and
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the coordination of activities between the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and the Blue Springs School District (BSSD) in cooperatively offering 30 credit courses toward the completion of the MSE in Elementary Education Curriculum & Instruction Program.

- Cooperatively, UCM and Blue Springs School District will provide 30 credit hours of the
- MSE in Elementary Education Curriculum & Instruction Program. Courses to include:
 - **Program Required Core Courses (18 credit hours)**
 - ECEL 5240 Instructional Leadership and Analysis (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5720 Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5730 Exemplary Instructional Practices (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5920 Childhood Research and Development (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 6800 Synthesis of Practice for Childhood Educators (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 6810 MSE Capstone Project for Childhood Educators (3 credit hours)
 - **Required Instructional Coaching Courses (12 credit hours)**
 - ECEL 5350 Mentoring: The Instructional Coach Approach (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5360 Instructional Leadership Trends and Issues in Childhood Education (3 credit hours) (can be repeated once)
 - EDAD 5770 Instructional Leadership and School Improvement (3 credit hours)
 - EDFL 6220 The Literacy Coach (3 credit hours)
- The courses listed above will be taught on-site and online. Onsite delivery will occur at a
- mutually agreed-upon location within the Blue Springs School District.
- Students enrolled in the cohort will receive a 20% scholarship applied to the board-approved Graduate Cohort Tuition Rate. Students will incur only a technology fee.
- Four (4) courses will be taught by Blue Springs School District employees meeting minimum UCM faculty qualifications and will be hired as adjunct instructors.
- BSSD will identify qualified staff to teach the onsite courses, and UCM will pay them \$700 per credit hour if they have a master's degree or \$900 if the instructor holds a specialist/doctorate.
- Blue Springs School District will identify students eligible for the program and pay UCM directly for the course enrollment.
- Students are expected to enroll in on average six (6) credit hours each semester.



- Students must meet the minimum qualifications for admission to UCM’s Graduate Studies and the academic program as outlined below. Students will incur a \$30 application fee.
 - Candidates must have a current certification in Elementary and/or Middle School in the State of Missouri,
 - A 2.5 minimum undergraduate GPA
- BSSD will assist in the recruitment of a cohort of students who wish to obtain their master’s degree beginning in the fall of 2025.
- UCM will provide an adjunct professor who will teach the online portion of the coursework.
- BSSD staff hired by UCM to teach the onsite courses will follow the syllabus outlined in the degree program and will design the coursework to include some of the high-quality professional development that is relevant to the course being taught.
- BSSD will assist UCM with the selection of the adjunct faculty who will teach the online courses. BSSD will also examine the syllabi and work to align relevant professional development.
- Students enrolled in the cohort master’s degree will take two courses each term, including Summer, and will complete their degree in two years.
- This MOU will stay in effect through the end of Summer 2027.
- Any correspondence during the term of this MOU should be directed to:

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Date: April 9, 2025

Date: April 8, 2025



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 - ECEL 5240 Instructional Leadership and Analysis (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5720 Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5730 Exemplary Instructional Practices (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5920 Childhood Research and Development (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 6800 Synthesis of Practice for Childhood Educators (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 6810 MSE Capstone Project for Childhood Educators (3 credit hours)
 - Electives (9 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5350 Mentoring and Teacher Leadership (3 credit hours)
 - ECEL 5360 Instructional Leadership Trends and Issues in Childhood Education (3 credit hours) (can be repeated once)
- Courses listed above will be taught onsite and online. Onsite delivery will occur at a mutually agreed upon location within the Blue Springs School District.
- Courses taught for the cohort identified by the school will be billed at \$235.00 per credit hour.
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