

Missouri General Education and Paraprofessional Assessments

Discussions have begun with Evaluation Systems regarding Missouri State hosting the Missouri General Education Assessments (MoGEA) and the Paraprofessional Assessment.

New education assessment requirements will be fully implemented within a year. How will Missouri State respond to the new computer based testing requirements for education majors, and others that use computer based assessments?

Points to consider prior to the April 2nd IT Council meeting:

- Once all assessments for education are implemented, there will be well over 2,000 test assessments administrated per academic year.
- A facility of this type must have dedicated computer workstations used only for assessment testing and cannot be used for other purposes.
 - College of Education currently has two computer labs in Hill Hall but they have been designed for general purpose use.
- The Counseling and Testing Center has only a few dedicated workstations with one staff member at 90% time that provides mostly paper based testing services.
- Strong Hall contains a testing facility.
- Other facilities on campus should be considered prior to developing a new testing center.
- The main focus for the center should be providing assessment services for Missouri State students, but consideration should also be given to providing testing services for the region.
 - Kevin Wilson compared Missouri State facilities for computer based assessment to other schools and determined we are well behind the curve, including OTC and Drury.
 - There could be a revenue stream generated to offset costs. Currently, the Counseling and Testing Center is charging \$20 for administration of the CBASE.
- Who else from our University community needs to be involved in these discussions and invite them to the April 2nd IT Council meeting?
 - Dr. Chris Craig
 - Dr. Joye Norris
 - Doug Greiner

Hi Chris,

It was a pleasure speaking with you earlier. I am excited about the possibility of Missouri State University hosting the Missouri General Education Assessments (MoGEA) and the Paraprofessional Assessment. As requested, below is the information regarding the program.

The Assessments: The General Education Assessment is made up of 5 subtests, which can each be taken individually or all together in one session. The Paraprofessional Test requires one test session. Session lengths and fees are being finalized and will be forwarded soon.

Examinees: Your students will have the convenience of testing right there on campus. In an effort to extend that convenience to your community as well, it is our preference that all test sites also accept registrations for examinees not directly associated with your institution.

Scheduling: Evaluation Systems will not be setting a schedule for testing throughout the year; rather **you** will have the ability to set the schedule for your own institution. You will determine when to make these tests available; what hours, of what days, of what weeks. The system interface will allow you to customize the testing days/hours yourselves based on the number of work stations and the demand on your test center. You can choose the times that will best serve your school's population. The appropriate test center personnel would be set up as system users; they will then have the ability to indicate how many work stations are available per day, view a roster of test sessions scheduled by day/week/etc.

Evaluation Systems will not pay you for the seat time, but will offer you the flexibility to offer the tests at no additional cost to the examinee, or to impose a reasonable sitting fee. Evaluation Systems recommends \$3.00 - \$5.00 per examinee hour as a reasonable sitting fee range if you choose to impose a fee.

Specifications: Attached is a sheet outlining the Minimum System Requirements for internet-based testing. I have also attached a Test Center Checklist that would need to be completed and returned in order to proceed with the approval process. In the checklist you will see that we also ask for pictures of various views of your testing area. Please review the last page of the checklist and the attached sample photos for a list of which pictures should be submitted.

Agreement: I have also attached the Test Center Agreement which would need to be signed by the appropriate authority at your institution, as well as then countersigned on our end. This may seem a bit premature to be sending, but since this is sometimes an item that must go through legal review, I felt I would go ahead and forward it on so that perhaps it could be under review concurrent to working through the technical pieces.

After you have had a chance to review this information I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you again to answer any further questions that you may have about MSU hosting the Missouri General Education Assessments and Paraprofessional Assessment.

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