

Missouri Department of Higher Education



Fiscal Year 2018 Overview

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ACHIEVEMENT

We work with the state's colleges and universities to help students achieve their education and career goals and increase the percentage of Missourians with degrees and certificates to provide the skilled and knowledgeable workforce Missouri needs.

Access

- The department's Journey to College initiative provided assistance and information about planning and paying for college to more than 40,000 high school and college students through outreach events including Apply Missouri, FAFSA Frenzy, and Decision Day. A new student-focused website was launched in addition to a redesigned College and Degree Search, and a new online transfer tool, the Course Transfer Tracker.

Affordability

- More than \$121 million in state financial aid was awarded to 63,041 Missouri students through nine grant and scholarship programs, including the A+ Scholarship, Access Missouri Grant, and Bright Flight Scholarship.
- The department developed a core curriculum of 42 credit hours that will transfer as equivalent credit among all public colleges and universities in the state and select independent colleges. More than 2,500 courses were included in the CORE 42 for implementation in fall 2018. The core curriculum will improve course transfer, saving students time and money as they work toward a degree.

Completion

- The state's public colleges and universities developed new math requirements for dozens of degree programs through the department's Math Pathways initiative. Courses such as statistics and number theory are better aligned to many degrees, including business, English, and history. Degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math will continue to require algebra-intensive courses.
- The 10 colleges and universities participating in concurrent enrollment and guided pathways pilots have implemented programs on campus that help students complete a degree in less time and at less cost. A report on the outcome of the pilots will be submitted to the governor and the general assembly by January 1, 2020.
- The department continues to work with colleges to promote the 15 to Finish initiative, which encourages full-time students to complete 15 or more credit hours a semester to graduate on time.
- Missouri's remedial education rates continue to decrease as colleges and universities expand corequisite courses, which provide students with additional instruction to help them succeed in college-level, credit-bearing courses. The percentage of students enrolled in remedial education courses dropped from 35.6 percent in 2012 to 26.8 percent in 2017.



359,000 students were enrolled at Missouri's public two- and four-year and independent colleges and universities in 2017.

102,900 certificates and degrees were awarded by Missouri public and independent colleges and universities during the 2017-18 academic year.

We collaborate with education leaders across the state to strengthen Missouri's higher education system and ensure accountability and promote efficiency and effectiveness at the state's public colleges and universities.

Academic program review

A review of academic programs offered at the state's public colleges and universities focused on identifying programs that are not meeting their goals. The review helps schools determine whether or not they should continue to offer programs that produce few graduates and ensures that Missouri's higher education resources are being invested wisely to provide high quality, cost-effective degree programs.

Administrative costs workgroups

College and university presidents and chief financial aid officers worked with the department to identify ways the state's higher education institutions can reduce administrative costs. Two workgroups – one for public community and technical colleges and one for public universities – focused on potential savings through shared services and procurement. The groups also reviewed state regulations that pose a significant burden on Missouri's colleges and universities and, if eliminated, would allow the schools to operate more efficiently.

Performance funding

A task force to revise the state's performance funding model developed more rigorous accountability measures – including college completion rates, affordability, and efficiency – for Missouri's public higher education institutions. The performance funding model is used to determine a portion of state funding for public colleges and universities.

Program approval

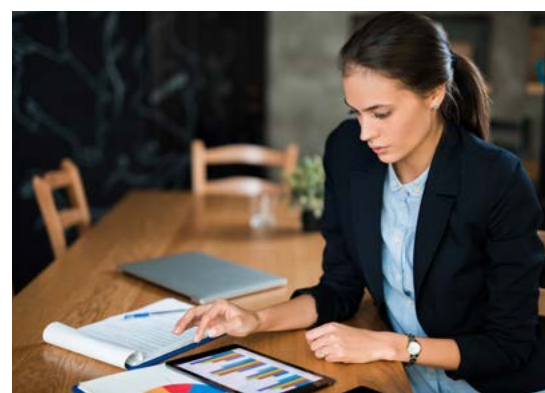
The department approved the addition of 143 new academic programs and the deletion of 135 programs at Missouri's public colleges and universities. The department also reviewed 26 new academic programs offered by the state's independent institutions.

Statewide Facility Review

Department staff and Coordinating Board members visited all of the state's public colleges and universities to assess the state of the state of each facility. Major trends and issues were identified and budget and statutory recommendations were outlined.

Talent for Tomorrow

The Talent for Tomorrow Initiative was launched in conjunction with the Missouri Department of Economic Development to produce an assessment of how the state's current workforce aligns with employer needs and look at different economic scenarios to help build a workforce system that can adapt as the economy evolves.



Our mission:

Collaborate with stakeholders to deliver a coordinated postsecondary education system that provides accessible, affordable, and innovative education that supports economic growth, enhances civic engagement, and improves the quality of life for all Missourians.

Missouri's coordinated plan for higher education

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education is responsible for creating a coordinated plan for higher education in Missouri. *Preparing Missourians to Succeed: A Blueprint for Higher Education*, focuses on five goals:

Goal 1: Attainment

Missouri will increase the proportion of working-age adults with high-quality, affordable postsecondary credentials to 60 percent by 2025.

Goal 2: Affordability

Missouri will rank among the 10 most affordable states in which to obtain a postsecondary degree or certificate by 2025.

Goal 3: Quality

Missouri will produce graduates with high quality postsecondary degrees and certificates that are valuable and relevant to individuals, employers, communities and the state.

Goal 4: Research and innovation

Missouri will be a top 10 state for investment in academic research by 2025.

Goal 5: Investment, advocacy and partnerships

Missouri will promote greater investment in a culture of postsecondary education through increased advocacy and powerful partnerships with education, business, government and communities.

Read more about Missouri's Blueprint for Higher Education at dhe.mo.gov/blueprint.php.



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QUALITY



RESEARCH & INNOVATION



INVESTMENT,
ADVOCACY &
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