1. How does the new BES degree differ from the B.S.Ed. degree?

The Bachelor of Educational Studies (BES) prepares candidates for careers outside the traditional classroom, such as those at museums, camps, childcare programs, or agencies providing all age services. The BES degree is not designed to prepare for a Pre K-12 grade state certification for teaching.

For additional information:
http://gocoe.umsl.edu/bes

2. What are the degree requirements?

The BES degree program is open to any student interested in a non-certification education degree. Students who enroll in the Fall 2014 or later must meet the University of Missouri - St. Louis admission requirements link.

More detailed information on requirements can be found through the Office of Advising and Student Services in the College of Education (OASIS) at (314) 516-5937 or http://gocoe.umsl.edu/bes

3. What tests do I need to take at the state or national level?

You need to take the state Missouri Educator Profile (MEP) test. This test will be taken in the required course, EDUC 1000.

4. Do I need a background check to be accepted for the BES degree program?

Yes. You will need to submit documents that you have passed the TB test and background checks through the Family Care Safety Registry.

For more information:
http://coe.umsl.edu/clinicalexperience/community_agencies/clearance.html

5. Are internships in the new BES the same in terms of the content and assessments for the courses, Practica I and II, taken in the B.S. Ed program for certification?

No. There is an application process for the BES internships designed to fit the individual candidate’s career goals.

6. How am I assigned for the Introductory Internship?
To be eligible for the Introductory Internship a student must complete 60 credit hours with 12 credit hours of BES courses including EDUC 1000 and maintain the University’s requirements.

7. How are sites for the Introductory Internship selected?

There are established sites for the Introductory Internship approved by the University. A student’s application will indicate the candidate’s preferences for an area of emphasis. If the student meets the criteria for the Introductory Internship a site will be assigned to the student.

8. How does the Introductory Internship differ from the Capstone Internship?

The Capstone Internship is an in-depth experience designed to provide an experience similar to employment. A set of approved sites in the St. Louis region have been established to meet candidate’s goals.

9. How do I apply for the Capstone Internship?

To be eligible for the Capstone Internship the completion of a minimum of 90 credit hours, completion of the Introductory Internship at a B or better level.

The application will go to the BES faculty committee for evaluation and a site assignment will be arranged if all criteria are met.

10. Can I select my own site for the Capstone Internship?

Completing the Capstone Internship at a site different than the established BES sites may be possible on an individual and case-by-case basis. Applications for such sites require the approval of a BES faculty committee of both the candidate and the proposed site and require that a relationship be established with the University and the site. This approval process may require additional lead-time to establish and requires additional work and initiative on the part of the student.

11. Is it possible to change my degree program from the certification program to earn the new BES degree?

All academic coursework will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine if this option is available.

12. Can courses from a different degree program be applied to the new BES degree?

Courses from a different degree program could be applied to the BES degree. However, the academic coursework will be evaluated on an individual basis.
13. What is the outline for the Introductory Internship and the Capstone Internship?