



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

A+ 2020-2021 Tutoring/Mentoring Requirement Clarified

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On October 20, 2020, the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development issued guidance regarding A+ accommodations for the 2020-2021 academic year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. That guidance included an accommodation for the tutoring/mentoring requirement. A question has arisen about the job-shadowing component of that requirement so we are providing the following clarification.

Typically students must complete 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring, of which up to 25% (12.5 hours) may be job shadowing, prior to graduation. The accommodation announced on October 20 reduced the required tutoring/mentoring hours from 50 to 25 for the 2021 seniors but was silent on the job shadowing component. To clarify that point, **the accommodation is being revised to allow for up to 12.5 of the required 25 hours to be met through job shadowing**, even though that is more than 25% of the required 25 hours. This revised accommodation is intended to assist students who may have access to more job shadowing opportunities than tutoring/mentoring opportunities given remote or hybrid learning environments. The ability for high schools to temporarily or permanently amend their A+ policies to help students find creative ways to meet this requirement remains a part of this accommodation.

The department will continue to issue guidance when necessary as this situation unfolds.

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