

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 16, 2021

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION
DIVISION OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- L. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act process: To revise Miss. Admin. Code 7 – 4: Licensure Guidelines K-12 to modify the existing pre-teaching coursework requirement for all Mississippi State Board of Education approved Alternate Route Programs

Background Information: On November 5, 2021, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Licensure Commission) granted approval to modify the existing pre-teaching coursework for all Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) approved alternate route programs to require nine hours of pre-teaching coursework by adding Introduction to Special Education as a course requirement to the current six hours of pre-teaching coursework, Classroom Management and Data, Analysis, and Evaluation. Upon successful completion of the nine hours of coursework and all other preparation program and licensure preconditions, the candidate will be considered eligible for obtaining the three-year (or one-year as appropriate based on program) alternate route internship license. Current requirements for converting the three-year (or one-year as appropriate based on program) alternate route internship license to the five-year standard license remains in effect which consist of the successful completion of an internship (six coursework credit hours) serving as teacher of record. This modification will become effective with candidates seeking admittance to a SBE approved alternate route program upon receipt of final SBE approval, and thereafter.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**THREE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**

Areas available: Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science***, Economics, English, French, German, Health, Home Economics, Latin, Library Media, Music, Marketing, Math, Physics, Physical Education, Social Studies, Spanish, Speech Communications, ***Special Education*****

License	Requirements	Validity	To Convert to a Five Year Alternate Route Educator License
Class A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold a bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/ nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Twenty-one (21) ACT (or SAT equivalent) or achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education 3. Praxis Subject Assessment 4. Apply for entrance into MAT Program (See Appendix H for information) 5. Complete 6 nine hours of pre-teaching courses in an approved MAT Program 6. * Secure Verification of Program Completion 7. Apply for a Three-Year Educator License –Alternate Route 	3 years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure a teaching position. 2. Complete 6 additional hours of coursework to include supervised internship 3. Secure Verification of Program Completion 4. Apply for a Five-Year Alternate Route License

Note: This program requires **12 15** hours of coursework which may be applied toward completing a master's degree.

*This license requires an online recommendation from the alternate route program. Once the online recommendation is made, the educator should apply for the license online.

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**APPENDIX H
ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS
Master of Arts in Teaching**

Subject Areas of Licensure & Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes	Art-5134, Biology-5235, Business-5101, Chemistry-5245, Chinese-5665, ***Computer Science-5652, Economics-0911, English-5038, French-5174, German-5183, Health- 5551, Home Economics-5122, Latin-5601, Library Media-5311, Music-5113, Marketing-5561, Math-5161, Physics-5265, Physical Education-5091, Social Studies-5081, Spanish-5195, **Special Education-5354 , Speech Communications-5221, *Elementary Education (4-6)-5018
Program Entrance Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning Twenty-one (21) ACT (or SAT equivalent) or achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; and 2. Praxis II (Specialty Area Test); and 3. *Foundations of Reading Assessment (applicable to Elementary Education (4-6) only: http://www.ms.nesinc.com/)
Requirements for Three Year Alternate Route License	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete six (6) <u>nine</u> hours pre-teaching course requirements from an approved Master of Arts in Teaching program 2. Program Completion Verification <i>MAT Program offers a three-year alternate route license.</i>
Location and Contact Information	<p>Alcorn State University Belhaven College Delta State University Jackson State University Mississippi College Mississippi Valley State University University of Mississippi (<i>Grades 4-6 not offered</i>) William Carey University Mississippi State University University of Southern Mississippi (<i>Grades 4-6 not offered</i>) Mississippi University for Women (<i>Grades 4-6 not offered</i>) Tougaloo College</p> <p>**William Carey University and Mississippi State University are the only locations approved to offer Special Education.</p> <p>***Mississippi State University is the only location approved to offer Computer Science.</p> <p>For contact information see Appendix F</p>
Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License	Complete six (6) semester hours including the internship prescribed by the participating institution
Fees	Colleges charge normal fees for 12 <u>15</u> semester hours
NOTE: Contact the institution offering the program for enrollment information, application deadlines, fees, starting dates, etc.	

**ONE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
AMERICAN BOARD CERTIFICATION**

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ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)	
American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence Passport to Teaching	
Subject Areas of Licensure	Biology (7-12), Chemistry (7-12), English (7-12), Math (7-12), Physics (7-12)
Program Entrance Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Twenty-one (21) ACT (or SAT equivalent) or achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination as established by the State Board of Education; and 3. Praxis Subject Assessment 4. Pretesting Assessments in subject area and pedagogy 5. Assignment of advisor and prescribed individual study profile 6. ABCTE Passport to Teaching exam 7. Apply for One (1) year license
Requirements for Initial One Year Alternate Route License	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ABCTE Passport to Teaching Certificate 2. Letter from school district stating commitment to employ <p><i>ABCTE offers a one-year alternate route license</i></p>
Location and Contact Information	<p>American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence 1225 19th St. NW, Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20036 Website: www.abcte.org E-mail: contact@abcte.org Phone: 1-877-669-2228</p>
Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-year teaching internship with mentoring (<i>mentoring must be by National Board-Certified teacher or MDE trained mentor certified in same subject area or mentor can complete the ABCTE approved mentor training</i>) 2. Must complete training in one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS Public Broadcasting (MPB) E-Learning online professional development course • MAT Six (6) Nine hours of initial graduate university courses earned by an approved Mississippi alternate route program (<i>can be applied to master's degree</i>)
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