

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**July 18, 2024**

**DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION**

- U. Approval of Alcorn State University's request to offer the Mississippi State Board approved nontraditional teacher education preparation licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) (K-6) Elementary Education program

Background Information: In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-3-2 there is established within the MDE the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission to make recommendations to the Mississippi Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

On February 17, 2022, the State Board of Education approved to modify the existing Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (4-6) and establish a new Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) option. The approved coursework included nine (9) hours of Pre-teaching coursework, twelve (12) hours of Literacy coursework, three (3) hours of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) methods **or** Math methods, three (3) hours of Research, and six (6) hours of Internship.

On July 12, 2024, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification, and Licensure and Development (Licensure Commission) granted approval of a request received from the Division of Educator Preparation that would allow Alcorn State University to modify its existing Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (4-6) program and establish the State Board approved nontraditional teacher education preparation licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) program, licensure code 120.

**Required Courses:**

- ED 521 Management Techniques for the Classroom
- ED 527 Evaluation and Measurement in Schools
- PH 525 Psychology of the Exceptional Child
- ED 519 Early Literacy I **and** ED 520 Early Literacy II
- ED 522 Diagnostic/Corrective Procedures in Reading
- ED 528 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum
- ED 524 Problems in Teaching Arithmetic
- ED 514 Methods of Educational Research
- ED 583 MAT Internship I **and** ED 584 MAT Internship II

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None