

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**December 19, 2024**

**DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION**

- G. Approval of Delta State University's request to establish a traditional teacher education preparation Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education program leading to licensure in two (2) areas, with the major emphasis area including English 7-12 (119), Mathematics 7-12 (154), Music Education K-12 Instrumental (165), Music Education K-12 Vocal (166), Physical Education K-12 (144), Social Studies 7-12 (192), and Biology 7-12 (181)

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 May 13, 2024, Delta State University (DSU) announced its intention to close the following programs as a part of broader restructuring: Bachelor of Science degrees in English Education, Mathematics Education, Music Education, Physical Education, and Social Studies Education. The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) approved DSU's request to close the programs and offer a new Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education (BSSE) degree to be housed in the reorganized College of Education, Arts, and Humanities during its meeting on August 15, 2024. On November 1, 2024, at its regular meeting, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of the request made by DSU to establish the BSSE degree as an approved program leading to initial licensure in English 7-12 (119), Mathematics 7-12 (154), Music Education K-12 Instrumental (165), Music Education K-12 Vocal (166), Physical Education K-12 (144), Social Studies 7-12 (192), and Biology 7-12 (181).

This new degree program is intended to provide a pathway forward for current and prospective candidates in secondary and K-12 education programs despite program closures while continuing to address teacher shortages in critical geographical and/or subject areas. The new BSSE degree will streamline all Secondary Education majors into one (1) degree with a pathway to licensure in two (2) emphasis areas. The major emphasis area will require passing scores on the appropriate subject area assessment for initial licensure. The second area of emphasis may then be added by either completion of an approved program or by

eighteen (18) hours of coursework in the subject area; therefore, no additional licensure tests are required. Please note that educator preparation program entry requirements shall remain consistent with those required by State Law and Mississippi State Board of Education policy.

### **Required Courses for All Program Areas:**

- CSP 340 Survey of Special Education and Inclusive Teaching
- CUR 300 Survey of Education with Field Experience
- CUR 380 Secondary Methods I
- CUR 390 Secondary Methods II
- CUR 393 Classroom Management
- CUR 400 Assessment, Data Analysis, and Evaluation
- CUR 401 Technology in Education
- CUR 498 Directed Teaching Internship
- ENG 205 Literacy Pedagogy
- EPY 341 Educational Psychology

### **Required Coursework for English 7-12 (119)**

- ENG 202 Introduction to Creative Writing
- ENG 220 Student Publications Workshop
- ENG 312 American Literature Seminar I
- ENG 420 Popular Fiction
- ENG 435 William Shakespeare
- ENG 463 African American Literature

### **Required Coursework for Mathematics 7-12 (154)**

- MAT 251 Calculus I
- MAT 252 Calculus II
- MAT 300 Applied Probability and Statistical Methods
- MAT 305 Foundations of Mathematics
- MAT 411 Geometry
- MAT 425 Modern Algebra I **or** MAT 442 Linear Algebra
- MAT 415 Discrete Mathematics and Graph Theory **or** MAT 443 Number Theory **or** any other 300+ math course

### **Required Coursework for Music Education - Instrumental K-12 (165)**

- MUS 150 Music Theory **or** US 150 Music Theory and Musicianship
- MUS 151 Music Theory **or** MUS 151 Music Theory and Musicianship
- MUS 301 Music History I
- MUS 305 Music Education **or** MUS 305 Principles of Music Education
- MUS 311 Instrumental Conducting

- MUS 388 Music Methods for the Elementary School

**Required Coursework for Music Education - Vocal K-12 (166)**

- MUS 150 Music Theory **or** US 150 Music Theory and Musicianship
- MUS 151 Music Theory **or** MUS 151 Music Theory and Musicianship
- MUS 301 Music History I
- MUS 305 Music Education **or** MUS 305 Principles of Music Education
- MUS 310 Choral Conducting
- MUS 388 Music Methods for the Elementary School

**Required Coursework for Physical Education K-12 (144)**

- HSE 335 Fundamentals of Movement Physiology
- PER 314 Techniques and Teaching of Team Sports
- PER 315 Techniques and Teaching of Individual Sports
- PER 382 Physical Education in the Elementary School
- PER 438 Kinesiology
- PER 484 Motor Development/Motor Learning

**Required Coursework for Social Studies 7-12 (192)**

- ECO 210 Principles of Macroeconomics
- GEO 303 World Regional Geography
- HIS 103 World History to 1500
- HIS 202 United States History 1877 to Present
- HIS 311 The History of Mississippi
- PSC 201 American National Government

**Required Coursework for Biology 7-12 (181)**

- BIO 100 General Biology I
- BIO 101 General Biology II
- BIO 230 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIO 300 Cell Biology
- BIO 301 Ecology
- BIO 328 Genetics

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None