

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Items
Consent Agenda
June 19, 2025

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- P. Approval of Belhaven University's request to modify course prefixes and equivalent coursework within its existing English as Second Language (K-12) approved supplemental endorsement 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 May 2, 2025, at its regular meeting the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of Belhaven University's request to modify its approved supplemental endorsement in the area of English as Second Language (K-12), licensure code 177 by modifying course prefixes and aligning equivalent coursework at the graduate level to allow candidates to complete fifteen (15) hours of undergraduate level coursework and/or graduate level coursework as outlined herein. This supplemental endorsement may be added to a valid Mississippi license by completion of an approved program; therefore, no additional tests are required. The request is as follows:

Modify Course Prefixes:

- *From* ELT 415 Principles of Linguistics & Modern Cultures
to TEL 415 Principles of Linguistics & Modern Cultures
- *From* ELT 416 Exploring Language & Culture
to TEL 416 Exploring Language & Culture
- *From* ELT 417 Methods of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
to TEL 417 Methods of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- *From* ELT 418 Intercultural Competence and Assessment
to TEL 418 Intercultural Competence and Assessment
- *From* ELT 419 Ethics, Advocacy, and the Law
to TEL 419 Ethics, Advocacy, and the Law

Equivalent Graduate and Undergraduate Courses:

- TEL 415/615 Principles of Linguistics & Modern Cultures
- TEL 416/616 Exploring Language & Culture
- TEL 417/617 Methods of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- TEL 418/618 Intercultural Competence and Assessment

- TEL 419/619 Ethics, Advocacy, and the Law

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None