

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

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- Q. Approval of Belhaven University's request to modify course prefixes within its licensure-track Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with Teaching English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL) (English as a Second Language) Supplemental Licensure Endorsement (K-12) 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 course prefixes within its approved Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with Teaching English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL). The degree is intended for teachers interested in teaching English to speakers of other languages and qualifies for the English as a Second Language supplemental endorsement, licensure code 177, to be added to the existing license. The request is as follows:

Modify Course Prefixes:

- *From* ELT 615 Principles of Linguistics & Modern Cultures
to TEL 615 Principles of Linguistics & Modern Cultures
- *From* ELT 616 Exploring Language & Culture
to TEL 616 Exploring Language & Culture
- *From* ELT 617 Methods of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
to TEL 617 Methods of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- *From* ELT 618 Intercultural Competence and Assessment
to TEL 618 Intercultural Competence and Assessment
- *From* ELT 619 Ethics, Advocacy, and the Law
to TEL 619 Ethics, Advocacy, and the Law

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None