

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

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- R. Approval of Delta State University's request to delete three (3) approved traditional teacher educator preparation licensure-track Bachelor of Science programs in Chemistry 7-12 (185), Speech Associate K-12 (216), and Family & Consumer Science 7-12 (321); three (3) approved licensure-track Master of Education programs in English 7-12 (119), Physical Education K-12 (144), and Social Studies 7-12 (192); two (2) approved licensure-track Specialist in Education programs in Elementary Education K-6 (120) and School Counseling K-12 (436); and one (1) approved supplemental endorsement in Severe Disability K-12 (222)

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 several programs as part of broader restructuring. The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) approved DSU's request to close the programs and reorganize its College of Education, Arts, and Humanities during its meeting on August 15, 2024. DSU has provided definitive timelines and guidance regarding the process for candidate program completion via teach-out plans if the program is not already inactive.

On May 2, 2025, at its regular meeting the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of Delta State University's request to delete eight (8) licensure-track programs and one (1) supplemental endorsement program as part of broader restructuring and/or inactive programs.

Delete Programs

- Bachelor of Science Chemistry (7-12), licensure code 185
- Bachelor of Science Speech Associate (K-12), licensure code 216
- Bachelor of Science Family & Consumer Science (7-12), licensure code 321
- Master of Education in Secondary Education (7-12)
 - English (7-12), licensure codes 119
 - Physical Education (K-12), licensure code 144

- Social Studies (7-12), licensure code 192
- Education Specialist in Elementary Education (K-6), licensure code 120
- Education Specialist in School Counseling (K-12), licensure code 436

Delete Supplemental Endorsement:

- Severe Disability (K-12), licensure code 222

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None