

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

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- Y. Approval of Mississippi University for Women's request to establish a licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) 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. The Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education (K-6) licensure requirements include a minimum of 33 credit hours.

On May 2, 2025, at its regular meeting the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of the Mississippi University for Women's request to establish the State Board of Education approved nontraditional teacher education preparation licensure-track Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education (K-6) program, licensure code 120.

Required Courses:

- ED 500 Educational Research (3 hours)
- ED 503 Instructional Technology (3 hours)
- ED 523 Early Literacy I (3 hours)
- ED 524 Early Literacy II (3 hours)
- ED 527 Integrating Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (3 hours)
- ED 538 Understanding Individual Learning Differences (3 hours)
- ED 549 Instructional Assessment Practices and Procedures (3 hours)
- ED 551 Managing the Instructional Environment (3 hours)
- ED 564 Diagnosing and Assessing Reading Difficulties in Children (3 hours)
- ED 590 Graduate Portfolio-MAT (0 hours)

- ED 591 Graduate Comprehensive Exam-MAT (0 hours)
- ED 697 Internship-Master of Arts in Teaching (6 hours)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None