

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Item
Consent Agenda
October 16, 2025

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

- J. Approval of Blue Mountain Christian University's request to modify its existing approved initial licensure-track programs: Bachelor of Science in Education in Biology 7-12, Elementary Education K-3 and K-6, English 7-12, Mathematics 7-12, Social Science 7-12, Spanish K-12, and Bachelor of Music Education with emphasis areas of Instrumental K-12 and Vocal K-12

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 September 5, 2025, at its regular meeting, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of Blue Mountain Christian University's request to delete one (1) course and add one (1) course in its approved initial licensure-track Bachelor of Science in Education in Biology (7-12) licensure code 181, Elementary Education (K-3) licensure code 116 and (K-6) licensure code 120, English (7-12) licensure code 119, Mathematics (7-12) licensure code 154, Social Science (7-12) licensure code 192, Spanish (K-12) licensure code 140, and Bachelor of Music Education (K-12) with emphasis areas of Instrumental licensure code 165 and Vocal licensure code 166. The additional course will serve to ensure teacher candidates are equipped to effectively integrate instructional technology in the classroom. Please note that the existing number of program hours for the respective programs will remain the same.

Remove Course:

- HLT 104 Personal Health (3 hours)

Add Course:

- EDU 370 Foundations of Educational Technology (3 hours)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None