

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

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

T. Approval of The University of Mississippi'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 September 5, 2025, at its regular meeting, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of The University of Mississippi'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. The request is as follows:

Required Courses:

- EDCI 613 Lesson Planning & Assessing Student Learning (3 hours)
- EDCI 615 Classroom Facilitation & Management (3 hours)
- EDEL 610 STEM Methods (3 hours)
- EDEL 661 Practicum in Elementary Education (6 hours)
- EDRD 602 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (3 hours)
- EDRD 605 Action Based Reading Research (3 hours)
- EDRD 614 Reading Diagnostics & Interventions (3 hours)
- EDRD 655 Early Literacy Instruction I & II (6 hours)

- EDSP 601 Exceptional Students in the K-12 Classroom (3 hours)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None