

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

DIVISION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

V. Approval of William Carey University's request to modify required courses within its existing approved Reading (K-12) supplemental endorsement 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 September 5, 2025, at its regular meeting, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development granted approval of William Carey University's request to modify its existing approved supplemental endorsement program in the area of Reading (K-12), licensure code 174, by removing four (4) courses and adding two courses at the graduate level. The adjustment in the number of courses required remains in alignment with the course requirements as outlined in the *Educator Preparation Provider Process and Performance Guidelines*. In 2023, William Carey University modified its undergraduate coursework to align with the reading requirement for this licensure endorsement. The proposed graduate coursework coincides with the required courses at the undergraduate level. The request is as follows:

Remove Courses:

- EDU 602 Trends in Children's Literature (3 hours)
- EDU 611 Current Trends in Reading (3 hours)
- EDU 615 Language Arts in the Elementary School (3 hours)
- EDU 574 Reading in the Middle and Secondary School (3 hours)

Add Courses:

- EDU 511 Structured Literacy I (3 hours)
- EDU 512 Structured Literacy II (3 hours)

No Change:

- EDU 636 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum (3 hours)
- EDU 637 Advanced Diagnosis of Reading and Writing Difficulties (3 hours)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None