

Teacher Candidate Licensure Advisory

The information provided within this document is to advise you of current licensure requirements. This document and licensure guidelines may change without notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to remain abreast of licensure requirements.

1. Traditional Baccalaureate Teacher Education Program Candidate:

A five year educator license is granted to applicants meeting all licensing requirements and completing a state approved or National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approved teacher education program from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning.

Minimum licensure requirements are as follows:

Educational courses

A full semester of student teaching

Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Test

Praxis II Specialty Area Test in Degree Area

Please visit the following link to identify specific test codes for assessments that have been validated for the state of Mississippi:

http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed_licensure/pdf/Praxis_test.pdf

Praxis tests are administered by the Educational Testing Services (ETS). You may register by telephone at 1-800-772-9476 or www.ets.org/praxis.

Supplemental endorsements may be added to a valid three-year alternate route or five-year traditional Mississippi License.

Endorsements with 18 or 21 Hours

Teachers who wish to add endorsements for most major subject areas may take the Praxis II test or have 18-21 hours of coursework.

*18 hrs are required if all coursework was completed prior to 9/1/04.

*21 hrs are required if any portion of the coursework was completed after 9/1/04

***Grades must be C or higher.

Endorsements with Approved Programs

Some supplemental endorsements require an **approved program** of study. The programs are different at each college and for each endorsement. The **Dean of Education or designee** shall advise the teacher of the required coursework, and an institutional recommendation must be signed by the Dean or Institutional Certification Officer in order to add the endorsement to the license.

Please visit the following website for information regarding the requirements for adding specific supplemental endorsements: http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed_licensure/pdf/SUPPLEMENTAL_ENDORSEMENTS.pdf

2. **Licensed Teacher Completing Master's Degree:**

If a licensed teacher completes a master's degree in a specific subject area endorsed by the Mississippi Department of Education, the individual will receive a Class AA license in that specific area.

If a licensed teacher completes a master's degree in a general area of education such as, secondary education or curriculum and instruction, the individual will receive a Class AA license in the area of their bachelor level degree earned if it is in a subject area endorsed by the Mississippi Department of Education.

- **This does not include special licenses such as educational leadership, school counseling, and other support services provided to students.**

Please visit the following website for information regarding the subject area endorsements:
http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed_licensure/pdf/SUPPLEMENTAL_ENDORSEMENTS.pdf

3. **Basic Application Procedures for Licensure:**

1. Download **Licensure Application Packet** (Form #OEL 02-04, Sec. A-F) at www.mde.k12.ms.us/license.htm
2. Read **Licensure Instructions** and **Checklist** (Form OEL 02-04, Sec. A, pp1-3) to locate the license for which you are applying.
3. Collect documents required for your license and check the correlating boxes on **Licensure Checklist** (Form #OEL 02-04, Sec. A).
4. Complete **Licensure Application** (Form #OEL 02-04, Sec. B).
5. Send **Licensure Application Packet** and all documents required in your license category as a single **COMPLETE PACKET** to the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Educator Licensure, Post Office Box 771, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0771.

Incomplete packets will be returned to the applicant with no action taken.

Teacher Candidate Licensure Advisory Form

I _____, acknowledge that the
Print Name

Mississippi Department of Education licensure process and requirements have been reviewed. I understand that licensure guidelines may change without notice, and it is my responsibility to remain abreast of current requirements.

Teacher Education Candidate

Advisor

Dean of Education/Designee

Date