

Request to delete license #347 Clothing Management
Request to add license #323 Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors
Request to add license #330 Fashion and Interior Design “add on” endorsement

Current guidelines for license #347 are reproduced below. The request is to discontinue this endorsement and allow only those who currently hold endorsement #347 and have undergone special training for Fashion and Interior Design to continue teaching. No new applicants should receive the endorsement #347 after the proposed endorsement 323 is established.

347 Clothing Management

This endorsement licenses a person to teach the following secondary courses:

Industrial Sewing I
Industrial Sewing II

This endorsement requires the following education and related assessment(s) of that education:

- Minimum education requirement: high school graduation (Applicants with less than an associate degree must attain required score on a test approved by MDE/OVEWD measuring reading, mathematics, language, and spelling). The test approved for this purpose is Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE), Complete Battery, Level A (latest form available). The applicant must achieve a scale score of 612 or higher on the Total Battery. Special note: All applicants for a license to begin teaching after July 1, 2008 must have earned an associate degree (two-year college degree) or higher in the subject field to be taught.

This endorsement requires the following occupational experience and related assessment(s) of that experience:

- Applicants with less than an associate degree must have at least four years of verifiable occupational experience in the past ten years. Experience must be appropriate to the subject area to be taught.
- Applicants with an associate degree must have at least two years of verifiable occupational experience in the past ten years. Experience must be appropriate to the subject area to be taught.
- Applicants with a bachelor or higher degree must have at least one year of verifiable occupational experience in the past ten years. Experience must be appropriate to the subject to be taught.
- Applicants with less than a bachelor degree in the subject area to be taught must validate occupational competency by either (a) obtaining required scores on National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) where appropriate and available or (b) holding a valid certificate in the State of Mississippi and/or nationally as a result of successfully completing a recognized assessment in the area in which applicant is applying to teach. .

This endorsement requires the following teacher education preparation and related assessment(s) of that education:

- Enrollment in and completion of Vocational Instructor Preparation (VIP) Program

Rationale: This curriculum and endorsement #347 emphasized industrial sewing (usually piece-work, production based). No such programs currently exist in Mississippi. A new curriculum, “Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors,” has replaced “Industrial Sewing.” Special teacher training is required to teach the new curriculum.

Proposed guidelines for license #323 are reproduced below. The request is to add this endorsement to provide for licensing teachers who will teach the new curriculum, “Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors.”

323 Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors

This endorsement licenses a person to teach the following secondary courses:

- 200414 Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors I
- 200415 Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors II

This endorsement requires the following education and related assessment(s) of that education:

- A four-year college degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a field related to the subject being taught. The following degree majors are recognized for this purpose:

- Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising Concentration in a Human Sciences Major
- Interior Design
- Fashion Design
- Other degrees must be approved by MDE Coordinator of Family and Consumer Sciences

This endorsement requires the following occupational experience and related assessment(s) of that experience:

- One year of full-time verifiable occupational experience in the past ten years (prefer more recent experience-in past five years). Experience must be appropriate to the subject area to be taught.

This endorsement requires the following teacher education preparation and related assessment(s) of that education:

- Enrollment in and completion of Vocational Instructor Preparation (VIP) program.

Rationale: This is a new curriculum that is based in the technical knowledge and application associated with the field of design in fashion and interiors. It is different from the industrial sewing curriculum. The new teacher endorsement is needed requiring education and experience specific to design of interiors and fashion.

Proposed guidelines for “add on” endorsement 330 are reproduced below. The request is to provide this “add on” endorsement for teachers who have already earned either a 321 or 322 license.

330 Fashion and Interior Design

(#330 is “add on” to 321 or 322)

This endorsement licenses a person to teach the following secondary courses:

- This is an “add on” endorsement that may be earned only by persons who hold a currently valid Mississippi Educator License with endorsement #321—Vocational Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences or #322—Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences.

A #330 endorsement allows a person to teach:

200414	Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors I
200415	Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors II

This endorsement requires the following education and related assessment(s) of that education:

- Currently valid Mississippi Educator License with endorsement in #321—Vocational Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences or #322—Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences.

- Applicant must complete the requirements outlined by an approved teacher education institution, and that institution must provide an “Institutional Recommendation” for the applicant to add 330 endorsement to a currently valid 321 or 322 license.

Rationale: This new “add on” endorsement will allow those teachers who currently hold a valid license in the area of 321-Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences or 322-Home Economics to be eligible to teach “Design Technology for Fashion and Interiors” by completing additional requirements outlined by an approved teacher education institution through the “Institutional Recommendation” process.