

**OFFICE OF QUALITY EDUCATORS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Items**  
**February 15-16, 2007**

**EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

01. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To, Revise the Licensure Guidelines for Tech Prep Discovery Courses as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development

On January 5, 2007 the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development approved the recommendation from the Office of Vocational Education and from the Research and Curriculum Unit to change the wording in the guidelines for the way Discovery courses are added to a standard license. The current guidelines states, "Supplemental endorsement added by Completion of an MDE Approved course at Mississippi State University". The recommendations asks that we change to guidelines to state, "Supplemental Endorsement added by completion of an MDE approved module".

Rationale:

At the September 15, 2006, meeting of the Certification Commission, representatives from RCU at Mississippi State made a presentation to the Commission about the new High School Redesign Initiative that is being developed through Vocational Education at the Mississippi Department of Education and Mississippi State University. For several years, students in the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades take Tech Prep courses in Career Discovery, Computer Discovery and Technology Discovery. The Redesign program will incorporate totally new coursework and new endorsement codes for teacher certification. These changes will begin with some designated pilot programs in the 2007-2008 school year. The total statewide implementation is intended to take five years.

The current Discovery training is outdated. All school districts will not have access to the new Redesigned Initiative courses from one to five years. The department of Vocational Education has developed updated training modules for current Discovery teachers that will make these courses more up-to-date until the new Redesign courses can be put into place. Additionally, RCU is expanding the training from a 3-hour course at MSU to include workshops and modules that can be offered by other entities.

The department of Vocational Education is asking the Commission to approve the change to Licensure guidelines that now requires a 3-hr course at MSU to include Discovery training in the form of workshop and modules.

Backup material attached

Recommendation: Approval

**APPENDIX A:  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENDORSEMENTS THAT MAY BE ADDED TO A VALID MISSISSIPPI  
LICENSE**

*Supplemental Endorsements Added By Praxis  
II Specialty Area Test*

<u>CODE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
102	Art Education
181	Biology Education
105	Business
185	Chemistry
119	English
130	French
134	German
208	Hearing Disability K-12
322	Home Economics
147	Technology Education
440	Library/Media
318	Marketing
154	Mathematics
901	Math 7-8
902	Language Arts 7-8
903	Social Studies 7-8
904	Science 7-8
166	Music Education
144	Physical Education
189	Physics
192	Social Studies
140	Spanish
221	Special Education (Mildly/Moderately Disabled—K-12)
910	Special Education Fundamental Subjects
196	Speech Communications
218	Visually Impaired K-12

**Supplemental Endorsements  
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102	Art Education
104	Bible
105	Business Education
119	English
123	Drama (Performing Arts)
130	French
134	German
135	Latin
136	Italian
139	Russian
140	Spanish
144	Physical Education
149	Journalism
154	Mathematics
165	Music Education Instrumental
166	Music Education Vocal
171	Psychology
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**Supplemental Endorsements  
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(Institutional Program Verification required)**

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111	Computer Applications
114	Driver Education
117	Elementary Education (4-8)
143	Health Education
150	Nursery-Grade 1 (N-1)
152	Elementary Education (K-4)
174	Remedial Reading
177	English as a Second Language
182	Physical Science
207	Gifted
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218	Visually Impaired (K-12)
221	Mild/Moderate Disability (K-12)
222	Severe Disability (K-12) added to 221 only
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310	Business & Computer Technology (only added to 105)
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**MDE Approved Course at Mississippi State University**

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995	Work-Based Learning
996	Career Discovery
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**Supplemental Endorsements  
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MiddleGrade Professional Development Institute(s)**

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Added to Elementary licenses:

901	Math 4-8
902	Language Arts 4-8
903	Social Studies 4-8
904	Science 4-8

Added to Special Education licenses :

905	Math 4-8 (Sped only)
906	Language Arts 4-8 (Sped only)
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