
OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 21-22, 2007

EDUCATOR LICENSURE

30. Approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act Process: To Revise the Licensure Guidelines for the American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development

Specifications:

On May 4, 2007, the Certification Commission voted to amend the ABCTE alternate route certification policy to delete any reference to a specified fee. This will allow for any changes made by ABCTE to their fee structure not to affect licensure guidelines.

Program Background:

The original ABCTE program was established with an entrance fee of \$500.00 which included a background check and fees of \$650.00 for the initial assessment exam and a \$350.00 fee for a mentor. Since that time, this program has reportedly changed their fees by offering discounts to applicants when they applied at different times and locations.

At the present time, ABCTE has dropped the fee for the mentoring segment of their program. The original \$650.00 fee for the assessment has been lowered to \$500.00.

The history of the Mississippi alternate route programs has included many changes in protocol such as fees and contact people. The Mississippi's Master of Arts program, the Teach Mississippi Institute Program, and the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Educators were established Mississippi alternate routes before ABCTE was approved and added to this list of Mississippi's alternate routes. Their fees are not listed on the MDE web site but are listed on their individual web sites. This has assisted in keeping out discrepancies within the licensure guidelines while continuing to provide informational services for the public.

Backup Material: Attached

Recommendation: Approval

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Alternate Route License	AMERICAN BOARD CERTIFICATION FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE PASSPORT TO TEACHING
Subject Areas of Licensure	<i>Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, Physics (7-12)</i>
Program Entrance Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. \$500 Fee paid (<i>includes background check</i>) 3. Assessment in subject area 4. Assignment of advisor and prescribed individual study profile
Requirements for Initial One-Year Alternate Route License	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passing score on ABCTE subject area exam 2. Letter from school district stating commitment to employ
Location and Contact Information	American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence 1225 19 th St. NW, Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20036 Email: www.abcte.org
Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-year teaching internship with mentoring (<i>mentoring must be by National Board Certified teacher or MDE trained mentor certified in same subject area</i>) 2. Must complete training in one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPQT 3-week summer training • MDE 8-week online training • MAT 6 hours of initial graduate university courses (<i>can be applied to masters degree</i>)
Fees	\$500 Fee to ABCTE for initial assessment and exam \$350 Fee for mentor Fee for training varies per selection

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American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence Passport to Teaching

Subject Areas of Licensure	Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, Physics (7-12)
Program Entrance Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. \$500 fee paid (includes background check) 3. Assessment in subject area 4. Assignment of advisor and prescribed individual study profile
Requirements for Initial One-Year Alternate Route License	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passing score on ABCTE subject area exam 2. Letter from school district stating commitment to employ
Location and Contact Information	<p>American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence 1225 19th St. NW, Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20036 Email: www.abcte.org Phone: 1-202-261-2620</p>
Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-year teaching internship with mentoring (mentoring must be by National Board Certified teacher or MDE trained mentor certified in same subject area) 2. Must complete training in one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPQT 3-week summer training • MDE 8-week online training • MAT 6 hours of initial graduate university courses (can be applied to masters degree)
Fees	<p>\$650 to ABCTE for initial assessment and exam \$350 for mentor fee for training varies per selection</p>

Master of Arts in Teaching

Program Entrance Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning
2. Praxis I (pre-Professional Skills Test, PPST)
3. Praxis II (Specialty Area Test)

(Test registration and information is available from Educational Testing Service, 1-800-772-9476 or <http://www.ets.org>)

Subject Areas of Licensure

Art-0133, Biology-0235, Business-0100, Chemistry-0245, Elementary Education (grades 4-8)-0014, English-0041, French-0171, German-0182, Home Economics-0120, Marketing-0560, Math-0061, Music-0113, Physical Education-0091, Physics-0265, Social Studies-0081, Spanish-0192, Speech Communications-0220, Technology Education-0050

(The attached numbers are the Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes)

Requirements for initial Three Year Alternate Route License

Enroll in a MAT program and complete six (6) graduate hours pre-teaching course requirements from an approved Master of Arts in Teaching program. The courses are:

- * Tests and Measurements
- * Classroom Management

(non-renewable)

Upon completion of 6 hours:

1. Applicants must submit a completed licensure application to the Office of Educator Licensure (www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed/licensure/licensureapplication)
2. Packet must include sealed transcripts from all college coursework, including bachelor's degree and six hours of MAT program.
3. Packet must include original copies of Praxis scores (scores will be returned)
4. Packet must include Institutional Program Verification from the Dean of Education (form OEL 09-06, Sec. C)

The initial MAT license is a three-year license issued only at the bachelor's level

Supplemental endorsements may be added to a three-year MAT license. See <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed/licensure/supplemental.html> for adding supplemental endorsements.

Location and Contact Information

Alcorn State University, 601-877-6149
Belhaven College, 601-965-7046
Delta State University, 662-846-4354
Jackson State University, 601-979-2335
Mississippi College, 601-925-3250
MS Valley State University, 662-254-3618
William Carey College, 601-318-6144
*Mississippi State University, 662-325-2206
*MS University for Women, 662-329-7175
*University of Southern MS, 601-266-4568 (additional coursework required)

* *Elementary Grades 4-8 not offered*

(MAT DO larger offered in Ole Miss)

Teach Mississippi Institute

One year Alternate Route sponsored by the Institutions of Higher Learning

Program Entrance Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning2. Praxis I PPST (Reading, Writing, Math)3. Praxis II, Specialty Area Test (see code numbers below)4. Request an application from Institutions of Higher Learning or the participating institution. (see information below)
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(Test registration and information is available from Educational Testing Service, 1-800-772-9476 or <http://www.ets.org>)

Note: Some institutes may have additional requirements for acceptance into the program, including GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and/or written agreement from a school district as to employment for the upcoming school term. Consult with the specific institution you wish to attend.

Subject Areas of Licensure	Biology-0235, Business-0100, Chemistry-0245, English-0041, French-0111, German-0182, Home Economics-0120, Marketing-0560, Math-0061, Physics-0265, Social Studies-0081, Spanish-0192, Speech Communications-0220, Technology Education-0050, Special Education (grades 7-12 only)-0352
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(The attached numbers are the Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes)

Note: Some institutes may not offer all subject areas in their programs. Consult with the institution you wish to attend prior to testing.

Requirements for initial One-Year Alternate Route License

Eight Week Training Session. - 9 semester hours at the graduate level; on-campus *(Times and dates determined by offering colleges/universities)* Program includes teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, instructional methods and tests and measurements.

(non-renewable)

Ten Week Training Session. - Not for credit certificate program; online Program includes teaching strategies, classroom management, state curriculum requirements, instructional methods and tests and measurements.

Upon completion of summer TMI program:

1. Applicants must submit a completed licensure application to the Office of Educator Licensure www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed/licensure/licensure1DD/lication.htm
2. Packet must include sealed transcripts from all college coursework, including bachelor's degree and TMI program.
3. Packet must include original copies of Praxis scores (scores will be returned)
4. Packet must include certificate of completion from TMI program.

The initial TMI license is a one-year license issued at the bachelor's level only in the subject area of testing.

Location and
contact
information

Contact Information:

- *Delta State University (Eight Week On Campus)*
Dr. James W. Nicholson, Jr.
662-846-4354
<http://ntweb.deltastate.edu/daais/daaisstaffuew.htm>
- *MISsissippi State University (Eight Week On Campus)*
Dr. Kay Brocato
662-325-7060
www.educ.msstate.edu/enil/faculty/brocato.htm
- *University of MISsissippi (Ten Week Online)*
Dr. Anne Kligen
877-915-7313 or 662-915-7313
www.tmi.olemiss.edu
- *University of Southern MISsissippi (Eight Week On Campus)* Dr.
Dana Thames
601-266-6987
<http://www.usm.edu/colleges/cep/>
- *Institutions of Higher Learning (General Information)*
Dr. Dennis Watts
601-432-6321
www.ihl.state.ms.us

(Fee to be determined by the offering university)

Requirements for
Five Year
Renewable
Alternate Route
License

1. Completion of one year internship period with mentoring and induction program in local school district
2. Recommendation by local school district
3. Completed licensure application packet (www.mde.k12.ms.us/edlicensure/licensureapplication.htm) submitted to Office of Educator Licensure including the TMI certificate of completion, completed mentoring form, and sealed transcript showing completion of internship.

After obtaining the five-year license, salary for teachers in this program will be based on the 3rd year salary schedule.

Supplemental endorsements can be added to a five year license.

Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers

Sponsored by the Mississippi Community College Foundation

Program Entrance Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning
2. GPA of 2.0 overall if graduated more than 7 years. Less than 7 years must have 2.5 or 2.75 GPA in major area
3. Praxis I PPST (Reading, Writing, Math)
4. Praxis II, Specialty Area Test in the area of endorsement with a passing score or a score within one "standard error of measurement"

(Test registration and information is available from Educational Testing Service, 1-800-772-9476 or <http://www.ets.org>)

Subject Areas of Licensure

Art-O 133, Biology-0235, Business-O 100, Chemistry-0245, English-004I, French-O 171, German-OI82, Home Economics-OI20, Marketing-0560, Math-0061, Music-OI13, Physical Education-0091, Physics-0265, Social Studies-0081, Spanish-OI92, Speech Communications-0220, Technology Education-0050, Special Education (grades 7-12 only)- 0352

(The attached numbers are the Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes)

One-Year License

Complete MAPQT training program consisting of 90 clock hours Requirements for **initial I** approximately three weeks. (Time and dates determined by each participating college) One-Year Alternate

*The program consists of effective teaching strategies, state curriculum frameworks, planning and instruction and survival skills in the classroom.

(non-renewable)

- Upon completion of summer MAPQT program:
1. Applicants must submit a completed licensure application to the Office of Educator Licensure ([www.mde.k12.ms.us/led/licensure/licensure application](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/led/licensure/licensure_application))
 2. Packet must include sealed transcripts from all college coursework, including bachelor's degree.
 3. Packet must include original copies of Praxis scores (scores will be returned)
 4. Packet must include certificate of completion from MAPQT program
 5. Packet must include letter from school district verifying employment

The initial MAPQT license is a one-year license issued only at the bachelor's level

and only in the subject area of testing

Location and Contact Information

Program locations: Itawamba Community College - Tupelo Hinds Community College - Raymond
MS Delta Community College - Indianola
Pearl River Community College - Hattiesburg
Northwest Community College - Senatobia

Contact: Mississippi Community College Foundation P.O. Box 24175, Jackson, MS 39225 601-922-0405 email: mapqt@netdoor.com
Website: [www.mde.k12.ms.us/led/licensure/alternate 12ath](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/led/licensure/alternate12ath).

Registration begins January 1, 2007. Early registration is encouraged due to the limited number of slots available. Fee: None at the present time

During the completion of one year internship (first year of teaching), teachers must

MAPQT Guidelines

Concerning Candidates
have scores within
standard error of
measurement of the
Praxis n Specialty Area
Tests

1. An individual who has a passing score on the Praxis n Specialty Area Test, and has successfully completed all of the requirements may be issued a Five Year license.
2. An individual who has not achieved a passing score on the Praxis n, Specialty Area Test, after the first year of teaching can apply for another one-year MAPQT license if they meet the following requirements:
 - * retake the Praxis n during the second year of teaching
 - * continue work on an Instructional Portfolio during the second year (*documentation is needed from MAPQT coordinator*).
 - * complete additional content specific coursework in area of weakness (*documentation is needed from MAPQT coordinator*)
3. An individual who has a passing score on the Praxis n Specialty Area Test at the end of the second year of employment will be issued a Five Year License.
4. An individual who has not achieved a passing score on the Praxis n at the end of the second year can apply for another one-year MAPQT license if they meet the following requirements:
 - * retake the Praxis n during the third year of teaching
 - * continue work on an Instructional Portfolio during the third year (*documentation is needed from MAPQT coordinator*).
 - * complete additional content specific coursework in area of weakness (*documentation is needed from MAPQT coordinator*)
 - * local district should conduct an evaluation of the teacher and provide documentation to the OEL.
5. An individual who has not achieved a passing score on the Praxis n Specialty Area Test by the end of the third year of teaching, but has a score that is within one standard error measurement of the passing score, shall submit his/her Instructional portfolio to the State Board of Education. The Board will have the portfolio evaluated by an external team. If the portfolio is recommended for approval by the external team, the teacher may be issued a Five Year license.

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Memorandum
April 13, 2007

To: Dr. Daphne Buckley
Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction
From: David W. Saba
President
Subject: Changes to ABCTE's Passport to Teaching Program Effective
MAY 1, 2007

This memorandum is to serve as a follow-up to your conversation with Andrew Campanella from my staff last week. ABCTE is changing certain aspects of the Passport to Teaching certification program effective May 1, 2007.

The current program and examinations will remain the same. However, based on feedback from school administrators and potential teachers, we are now offering online workshops to the program to ensure that new teachers feel fully comfortable in managing classrooms, designing instruction and handling the day-to-day classroom responsibilities of professional educators.

As of May 1, 2007, all candidates who enroll in the program will be provided with access to comprehensive classroom management/Professional Teaching Knowledge online coursework, which features more than 40 hours of content, including analyzed classroom videos and 125 pages of interactive text. We are also implementing a faster and extremely thorough background check procedure and have developed a classroom management podcast for potential teachers.

Accordingly, the fee for Passport to Teaching certification will increase by \$90 (to \$650) on May 1, 2007.

As Andrew discussed with you, we would be greatly appreciative if the Mississippi Department of Education could recognize the new fee structure of our program.

Please call me directly at 202-263-8312 or e-mail me at dsaba@abcte.org if you have any questions.

Thank you again for the opportunity to work in Mississippi. Everyone at MSDE has been extraordinarily supportive and we now have 162 Mississippians enrolled in this program!