



DUAL ENROLLMENT
SECONDARY TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
10 STEPS TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION

IF YOU ARE NOT AN EDUCATION MAJOR YOU CAN STILL BECOME A TEACHER
YOU CAN BECOME A MIDDLE AND/OR HIGH SCHOOL MISSISSIPPI LICENSED TEACHER

EARN YOUR TEACHING CERTIFICATE BY THE TIME YOU GRADUATE
Only 5 total courses required for Mississippi Alternate Route Teacher Certification

FOLLOW THESE 10 STEPS

- 1) Save three elective courses to be taken during the summer prior to your Sr yr. and/or during your Sr. yr. You must have a 2.75 GPA or higher to take these three courses.
- 2) During your Junior year or the first semester of your Senior year, make an appointment with the **Chair of Graduate Teacher Education: Dr. Cynthia Wilkins**. **Call: The Graduate School of ED Adm Assistant, Ms. Fran Powell, to set an appointment: 601.965.7054**
- 3) Apply for the **Dual Enrollment: Secondary Teacher Certification Program*** in the School of Education. (Request **THE ALTERNATE ROUTE TEACHER CERTIFICATION FORM – ALT/CERT**)
- 4) Get a signed authorization from your Academic Advisor (Request for the **ALT/CERT Enrollment Form**)
- 5) **Prior to enrolling in the ALT/CERT program:** Have a 21 or higher on your **ACT** score **or** pass the **Praxis Core Teacher Entry Test** **or** have a qualifying **SAT** scores in reading & math.
- 6) **Prior to enrolling in the ALT/CERT program:** Pass one of the **Praxis II Teacher Content/Subject Area Test** - which would be in your major subject area.
- 7) You are then eligible to enroll in the **first three Master of Arts in Teaching** courses as an undergraduate student. These courses lead to the **Mississippi Alternate Teacher Certification (MAT: Alt/Cert)**.
 - * **EDU 506: Classroom Management & Organization**
 - * **EDU 501: Measurement & Evaluations Strategies***
 - * **EDU 602: Psychology of the Exceptional Child**
- 8) Upon successful completion of these three courses you will be able to obtain your **Mississippi 3-year Temporary Teacher License** and become employed as a salaried teacher!
- 9) You then can apply for a **Mississippi School Teaching Position** and become employed as a teacher as a 7th -12th grade-level school teacher. **You can be teaching in a Mississippi school the semester after you graduate and be paid as a fulltime teacher.**
- 10) Once you have a teaching position you take the last two MAT Alt/Cert courses** and teach as a paid Residency Teacher. The courses you take are two semesters. During that time you will be observed in your teaching role by a School of Education representative. After successfully completing these two courses, you will be eligible for your **MS Class A – 5 year Teacher License**.
****EDU 502 & 503: Teacher Residency I & II.**

***Dual Enrollment:** During the undergraduate senior year, a student can take three Master of Arts in Teaching Degree level *Teacher Preparation* courses* designated by the State of Mississippi for Alternate Teacher Certification provided all admission requirements are met prior to admission to the program. These three courses will count as undergraduate elective courses. The three courses also count as graduate degree level courses should the student desire to work toward completing the Master of Arts in Teaching Degree. However, only 5 total courses required for Mississippi Alternate Route Teacher Certification.

ONLY THESE 5 COURSES REQUIRED FOR YOUR MISSISSIPPI CLASS A-5 YEAR TEACHER LICENSE

*EDU 506: Classroom Management & Organization	**EDU 502: Teacher Residency I
*EDU 501: Measurement & Evaluations Strategies	**EDU 503: Teacher Residency II
*EDU 602: Psychology of the Exceptional Child	