

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
July 19-20, 2012

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- 20B. Approval to Add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 209 for Early Oral Intervention Birth – K as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development
(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

Background Information:

This past September of 2011, the Certification Commission approved four new Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Praxis II tests. One of these was the 0621 PLT for Early Childhood. This was the first time we have had a Professional Education test for Preschool in MS. It was recommended to the Commission at that time that this new PLT would need to be added to some existing preschool licenses that did not previously have a professional knowledge test for licensure.

At the May 4, 2012 meeting of the Commission, the members approved the proposal to add this PLT test for Early Childhood to the license 209 for Early Oral Intervention for Birth - K. This license currently requires the Praxis I basic skills test only. There was no subject area test or pedagogy test available at the time the 209 license was originally approved. It was always the intent of the Commission to add an additional testing requirement to this license as soon as an appropriate test was approved. The license in Early Oral Intervention Birth – K is specific to the Masters Degree program at the University of Southern Mississippi in Early Oral Intervention. This degree program qualifies teachers to work with hearing impaired preschool children birth through kindergarten.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

FIVE YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE – EARLY ORAL INTERVENTION (209) (Birth to Kindergarten Hearing Impaired)			
License	Requirements	Validity	Renewal#
Class AA	<p style="text-align: center;">EITHER</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold a five year teaching license 2. Complete a master’s degree program in Early Oral Intervention for Hearing Impaired Children Birth to Kindergarten <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete an approved master’s degree program in Early Oral Intervention for Hearing Impaired Children Birth to Kindergarten 2. Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test-PPST) 3. <u>Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching for Early Childhood</u> 	5 years	<p>Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Five (5) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area</p>