

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
January 19-20, 2012

EDUCATOR LICENSURE

15. Approval of Teacher Education Program Accreditation for the Institutions that met the 2011 Process and Performance Standards as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Licensure and Certification and Development

Executive Summary:

The Mississippi Department of Education's Annual Process and Performance Review of education programs was an outgrowth of the Mississippi Education Reform Act of 1982, which called for the setting of standards and criteria for all educator preparation programs in Mississippi colleges and universities. The most current state review process, approved in 2006, consists of 10 process standards and two performance standards that each program must meet. Trained state examiners conduct onsite peer reviews of the educator preparation programs and prepare a report of their findings based on the prescribed standards. Per Mississippi Code, Section 37-3-2, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Licensure and Certification and Development reviews the state team findings and recommends to the State Board of Education each year the approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in the state and assigns a status of "Approved," "Approved with Reservation" or "Non-Approved."

Mississippi has 15 institutions of higher learning that provide educator preparation programs that are subject to annual review and approval through the state Process and Performance Review and state Modified NCATE Review for approval. All Educational leadership programs were required to undergo a separate review in 2011-2012 as part of a statewide redesign process and therefore are not included with the 2011 program approvals. The following public college and university teacher education programs are recommended for approval: Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and The University of Southern Mississippi. The private institutions recommended for approval are Belhaven University, Blue Mountain College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Rust College (state NCATE), Tougaloo College (state NCATE) and William Carey University.

Recommendation: Approval

Backup material attached

Summary of 2011 Recommendations for Teacher Education Program Approval

All currently approved Educational Leadership programs were required under a separate statewide redesign process and review for approval until full implementation by 2013.

Institution	Visit Date	Program Review Status
Alcorn State University	8-Mar	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Belhaven College (University)	11-Feb	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Blue Mountain College	5-Apr	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Delta State University	31-Mar	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Jackson State University	4-Apr	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Millsaps College	7-Feb	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Mississippi College	9-Feb	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Mississippi State University	19-Apr	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
MS University for Women	20-Apr	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
MS Valley State University	31-Mar	State Teacher Education Standards: Met
Rust College	Apr 10-13	*State Modified NCATE Standards: Approved with Reservations (Full Continuing Visit in Fall 2012)
Tougaloo College	11-Mar	*State Teacher Education Standards: Met with Conditions (Modified State NCATE visit in 2012)
University of Mississippi	28-Apr	*State Teacher Education Standards: Met with Conditions
University of Southern MS	3-Mar	*State Teacher Education Standards: Met
William Carey University	Sept 24-28	*State Teacher Education Standards: Met Initial NCATE Site Visit for Full Accreditation: **Final NCATE Decision Pending NCATE UAB Report

*The institution failed to meet one or more standards or had conditions attached to one or more standards. To maintain approval status, the institution must correct the deficiencies by the next scheduled visit.

**UAB (Unit Accreditation Board) is the policy board that renders final NCATE decisions. Based on the UAB's decision, the Licensure Commission will make recommendation to the State Board of Education. The UAB meets twice annually to render accreditation decisions.