

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

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- 20A. Approval to Add the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Early Childhood Test to Current License 153 for Child Development PreK-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:

In September of 2011, the Certification Commission approved four new Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Praxis II tests. One of these was the PLT 0621 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 PreK-K to the license for Child Development PreK-K. This license currently requires the Praxis I basic skills test, plus the Praxis II test for Early Childhood education. The PLT test would replace the Praxis I requirement for licensure. The Praxis I is already required for admission into a teacher education program at the approved universities that offer the Child Development degree, so that requirement would not be eliminated.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

FIVE YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE - CHILD DEVELOPMENT (PreK – K) (153)			
License	Requirements	Validity	Renewal#
Class A	1. Bachelor’s degree or higher with child development emphasis from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Official verification of program accreditation by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences or National Association for Education of Young Children (Form #OEL 02-04 E) 3. Praxis I <u>Praxis II PLT for Early Childhood</u> 4. Praxis II (Specialty Area Test) OR 1. Hold a valid five-year license in Elementary Ed. K-3, K-4 or K-6. 2. Complete an approved supplemental endorsement program in PreK-K	5 years	Ten (10) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area OR Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area and Five (5) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area OR Six (6) semester hours in content or job/skill related area
Class AA	1. Meet the requirements for a Five Year Class A License in Child Development 2. Master’s degree in the endorsement area in which license is requested OR Master of Education Degree	5 years	Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area OR Five (5) continuing education units (CEUs) in content or job/skill related area
Class AAA	1. Meet the requirements for a five year Class A License in Child Development 2. Specialist degree in the endorsement area in which license is requested OR Specialist of Education Degree	5 years	Same as for AA
Class AAAA	1. Meet the requirements for a Five Year Class A License in Child Development 2. Doctoral degree in the endorsement area in which license is requested OR Doctor of Education Degree	5 years	Same as for AA

NOTE: 1) Individuals who have completed an approved teacher education program in Elementary Education and hold or qualify for a license in Elementary Education K-3 (116), Kindergarten–Grade 4 (152), or Elementary Education 1-9 (115) may obtain a supplemental endorsement in Nursery-Grade 1 (150) by completing an approved program. Mississippi institutions offering a program in Nursery-Grade 1 (150) are Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Belhaven College, and Mississippi State University. 2) Nursery-Grade 1 (150) and Child Development (153) may not be added to Elementary Ed 4-8 (117). #Additional information on renewal of licenses can be found on page 1.