

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

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- F. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to Continue to Administer the Alternate Route Administrator Program known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) for the 2012-2013 School Year

Specifications:

In 2005, the State Board approved the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) program to alternatively train and license K-12 teachers. The contract was awarded at that time to the Mississippi Community College Foundation (MCCF) to produce and operate this program under the supervision of the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). The State Board is being asked to consider approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the MCCF and the MDE to operate the MAPQT alternate route teacher program for the 2012-2013 school year.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

INTRODUCTION

To help alleviate the shortage of secondary teachers in the state, the Mississippi Community College Foundation is offering the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers Institute. The Institute is a program designed as alternative teacher training for those who do not have an education degree, but desire to become classroom teachers.

A three-week, 90-clock hour workshop, the Institute introduces new teachers to the profession by providing training and hands-on field experiences. Participants who meet the requirements can receive a Special One-Year Alternate Route License. They must present documentation of employment by a local school district to the Office of Educator Licensure to be issued the special license.

During the first year of employment, the new teacher must complete a rigorous program consisting of new teacher practicums, new teacher training modules, the local district evaluation, and the local district mentoring and induction program

Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers

Sponsored by the Mississippi Community College Foundation

<p>Program Entrance Requirements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p><i>(Test registration and information is available from Educational Testing Service, 1-800-772-9476 or http://www.ets.org)</i></p>
<p>Subject Areas of Licensure</p> <p>(The attached numbers are the Praxis II Specialty Area Test Codes)</p>	<p>Art-0133, Biology-0235, Business-0101, Chemistry-0245, English-0041, French-5174, German-5183, Home Economics-0121, Marketing-0561, Math-0061, Music-0113, Physical Education-0091, Physics-0265, Social Studies-0081, Spanish-5195, Speech Communications-0221, Special Education (grades 7-12 only)- 0354</p>
<p>Requirements for <u>initial</u> One-Year Alternate Route License</p> <p>(non-renewable)</p>	<p>Complete MAPQT training program consisting of 90 clock hours – approximately three weeks. <i>(Time and dates determined by each participating college)</i></p> <p>*The program consists of effective teaching strategies, state curriculum frameworks, planning and instruction and survival skills in the classroom.</p> <p>Upon completion of summer MAPQT program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants must submit a completed licensure application to the Office of Educator Licensure (www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed_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 <p><i>The initial MAPQT license is a one-year license issued only at the bachelor's level and only in the subject area of testing</i></p>
<p>Location and Contact Information</p>	<p>Program locations: Itawamba Community College – Tupelo Hinds Community College – Raymond MS Delta Community College – Indianola Pearl River Community College – Hattiesburg Northwest Community College – Senatobia MS Gulf Coast Community College – Gautier East Central Community College - Philadelphia</p> <p>Contact: Mississippi Community College Foundation 1900 Lakeland Dr., Box 941, Jackson, MS 39216 601-321-3902 email: mapqt@bellsouth.net</p> <p>Website: www.mccfms.org/MAPQT</p> <p><i>Early registration is encouraged due to the limited number of slots available. Fee: varies per funding</i></p>
<p>Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route Renewable License</p>	<p>During the completion of one year internship (first year of teaching), teachers must complete a practicum consisting of nine Saturdays (one Saturday each month)</p> <p>*The practicum will consist of classroom management, peer coaching, school law, data analysis using test results and training modules using interactive video training</p> <p>Upon completion of internship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applicants must submit a completed licensure application to the Office of Educator Licensure (www.mde.k12.ms.us/ed_licensure/licensure_application) 2. Packet must include certificate of completion from MAPQT program practicum 3. Packet must include completed mentoring form from school district <p><i>Supplemental endorsements can be added to a five year license</i></p>