

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Board Items
June 20-21, 2013

OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE

- G. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with the Mississippi Community College Foundation to Continue to Administer the Alternate Route Teacher Certification Program Known as the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers (MAPQT) for the 2013-14 School Year

Specifications:

In 2005, the State Board approved the MS 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 MDE. The State Board is being asked to consider approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the MCCF and MDE to operate the MAPQT alternate route teacher program for the 2013-2014 school year.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

What is MAPQT?

To combat the shortage of secondary teachers in the state, the Mississippi Community College Foundation sponsors the Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers program each year in June. The three week, ninety hour training session is held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. June 10-28, 2013. This program is designed as alternative teacher training for those who hold a non-education degree, but desire to become classroom instructors.

During the ninety clock-hour workshops, participants will receive training from nationally board-certified teachers in skills essential for being successful in the classroom. Participants will be required to complete a portfolio, which will be beneficial to them as they seek employment.

Workshop topics include:

- Effective Teaching Strategies
- State Curriculum Frameworks
- Planning and Instruction
- Classroom Management Skills
- Use of Technology in Instruction



Who is eligible?

Program applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold an undergraduate bachelor's degree from a nationally/regionally accredited institution of higher learning; (Individuals who graduated from a college prior to 2007 must have a minimum of a 2.0 over-all GPA. Individuals who graduated from a college since 2007
 2. must have a minimum of a 2.5 overall GPA or a 2.75 GPA in major.)
 3. Have passing scores on Praxis I
 4. Have passing score on Praxis II, Specialty Area Test in area of endorsement.
1. New Teacher Practicum – Attendance is required at nine Saturday sessions held monthly during the first year of teaching. The focus of the New Teacher Practicum is to provide additional training in classroom management, peer coaching, school law, data analysis, methods for improving instruction, and other issues that new teachers may encounter.
 2. Local school district mentoring and first year teacher intensive induction program
 3. Completion of peer, mentor, and program coordinator observations
 4. Completion of all required assignments to be included in the first year teacher's portfolio

Does successful completion of the MAPQT program lead to a teaching license?

Successful completion of the summer program and documentation of employment by a local school district qualifies the participant for a one-year alternate path teaching license. In order to receive a five-year teaching license, the new teacher must successfully complete the following during the first teaching year:

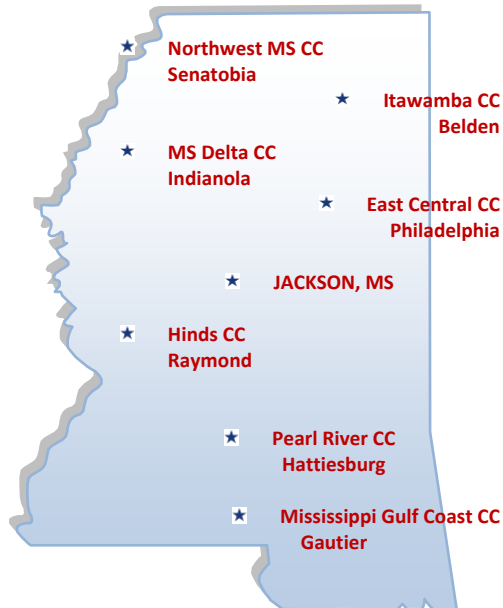
In what subject areas can an alternate path license be obtained?

| <u>Subject Area</u> | <u>Passing Score</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Art Education (0134) | 158 |
| Biology (0235) | 150 |
| Business Education (0101) | 153 |
| Chemistry (0245) | 151 |
| English (0041) | 157 |
| French (5174) | 153 |
| German (5183) | 154 |
| Home Economics (0121) | 153 |
| Marketing (0561) | 151 |
| Mathematics (0061) | 128 |
| Music Education (0113) | 139 |
| Physical Education (0091) | 145 |
| Physics (0265) | 139 |
| Social Studies (0081) | 150 |
| Spanish (5195)computer based | 160 |
| Special Education (0354) | 152 |
| Speech Communication (0221) | 143 |

Where is the training Offered?

Currently, there are seven community colleges offering the summer workshop. They are:

- ★ *Itawamba Community College, Belden;*
- ★ *Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gautier*
- ★ *Pearl River Community College, Hattiesburg;*
- ★ *Mississippi Delta Community College, Indianola;*
- ★ *East Central Community College, Philadelphia;*
- ★ *Hinds Community College, Raymond;*
- ★ *Hinds Community College Pearl;*
- ★ *Northwest Mississippi Community College, Senatobia;*



MAPQT Program Costs

Tuition: **\$2,000** breakdown as follows...

- Application Fee: **\$50.00** (will apply toward tuition fee if accepted and is non-refundable)
- Summer Session: **\$1250** which includes training, manual, resource book, and materials.
- Fee due date: May 15, 2013
- Late payment fee: Any payments received after May 15, 2013 will be charged a **\$20** late fee.

Saturday session fees only apply to participants who secure a teaching position.

Saturday Session: **\$700/** can be paid in two installments

- 1st installment of **\$350** will be due **September 10, 2013**
- 2nd installment of **\$350** will be due **November 10, 2013**

WIN Job centers in your area can also assist with program costs with WIA funding. Check with your closest WIN Job Center for more information.

Some school districts also provide tuition reimbursement assistance.



Those interested in the summer session should complete the application and mail to:

Mississippi Community College Foundation

**ATTN: Vickie McGee
1900 Lakeland Drive, # 941
Jackson, MS 39216**

For more information, contact the **Mississippi Community College Foundation**

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