

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Board Items**  
**June 19-20, 2014**

**OFFICE OF EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

42. 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 2014-15 School Year

Background Information:

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 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 2014-2015 school year.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers Program (MAPQT)**  
**MS Community College Foundation**  
**1900 Lakeland Drive, # 941**  
**Jackson, MS 39216**

Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers Program (MAPQT) is an alternative route to teacher licensure sponsored by the Mississippi Community College Foundation and approved by the Mississippi Department of Education. This program is designed as an alternative teacher training track for those who desire to become a classroom instructor. Candidates must hold a bachelor's degree, pass Praxis I/CORE and Praxis II in specific subject areas.

**What is MAPQT?**

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
- Emphasis on Special Education

**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: (Must have a minimum of a 2.5 overall GPA or a 2.75 GPA in major.)
2. Have passing scores on Praxis I or CORE
3. Have passing score on Praxis II, Specialty Area Test in area of endorsement.

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

Successful completion of the summer program qualifies the participant for a three-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:

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

**Where is the training offered?**

Currently, summer workshops are offered at seven community college campuses throughout the state.

1. Itawamba Community College: Belden
2. Hinds Community College: Raymond/Pearl Muse Center
3. Pearl River Community College: Hattiesburg
4. Northwest Mississippi Community College: Senatobia
5. East Central Community College: Philadelphia
6. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College: Gautier
7. Mississippi Delta Community College: Indianola