

OFFICE OF CHIEF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
March 17, 2016

OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI TEACHER CENTER

10. Action: Begin the Administrative Procedures Act process on the change of requirements for participants in alternate route programs to pass the Praxis Core and Praxis II assessments [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) is currently recognized as an alternate route program for teaching in Mississippi. At the present time, Educator Licensure Guidelines do not require candidates of this program to take the Praxis II exam.

On January 29, 2016, the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development voted that the ABCTE teacher candidates should adhere to all assessment requirements for approved alternate route programs in the state of Mississippi. Effective July 1, 2016, all teacher candidates who enroll in the ABCTE must meet Mississippi alternate route assessment requirements in order to receive licensure.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

LICENSURE GUIDELINES
THREE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Areas available: Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, English, French, German, Home Economics, Music, Marketing, Math, Physics, PE, Social Studies, Spanish, Speech Communications, Elementary Ed. (4-6 grades)

License	Requirement	Validity	To Convert to a Five Year Alternate Route License
Class A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold a bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/ nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Pass Praxis I (Pre-Professional Skills Test-PPST) 3. Pass Praxis II Specialty Area Test 4. Apply for entrance into MAT Program (<i>See Appendix H for information</i>) 5. Complete 6 hours of pre-teaching courses in an approved MAT Program 6. *Secure Verification of Program Completion 7. Apply for a Three Year Educator License – Alternate Route 	3 years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure a teaching position. 2. Complete 6 additional hours of coursework to include supervised internship 3. Secure Verification of Program Completion 4. Apply for a Five Year Alternate Route License

***This license requires an online recommendation from the alternate route program. Once the online recommendation is made, the educator should apply for the license online.**

LICENSURE GUIDELINES
ONE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
AMERICAN BOARD CERTIFICATION

Areas available: Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, Physics

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Class A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold a bachelor's degree (non-education) from a regionally/ nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Enroll in ABCTE program 3. Pretesting assessment, assign advisor 1. ABCTE Passport to Teaching exam 2. Apply for 1-year license 	1 year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure a teaching position, complete 1-year internship with mentor 2. Complete one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *6 hrs of MAT coursework * 3-wk MAPQT summer program * MDE online professional development

**LICENSURE GUIDELINES
APPENDIX H
ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR TEACHERS continued**

	American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence Passport to Teaching
Subject Areas of Licensure	Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, Physics (7-12)
Program Entrance Requirements	Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning Fee paid <i>(includes background check)</i> Assessments in subject area and pedagogy Assignment of advisor and prescribed individual study profile
Requirements for Initial One-Year Alternate Route License	1. ABCTE Passport to Teaching Certificate 2. Letter from school district stating commitment to employ
Location and Contact Information	American Board Certification for Teacher Excellence 1225 19 th St. NW, Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20036 Email: www.abcte.org Phone: 1-877-669-2228
Requirements for Five Year Alternate Route License	1. One-year teaching internship with mentoring <i>(mentoring must be by National Board Certified teacher or MDE trained mentor certified in same subject area or mentor can complete the ABCTE approved mentor training)</i> 2. Must complete training in one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAPQT 3-week summer training • MS Public Broadcasting (MPB) E-Learning online professional development course • MAT 6 hours of initial graduate university courses <i>(can be applied to masters degree)</i>
Fees	Fee to ABCTE for initial assessment and exam Fee for mentor Fee for training varies per selection

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ONE YEAR ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSE
AMERICAN BOARD CERTIFICATION**

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Subject Areas of Licensure	Biology, Chemistry, English, Math, Physics (7-12)
Program Entrance Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Enroll in ABCTE program 3. Pretesting assessment, assign advisor 4. Assessments in subject area and pedagogy 5. Assignment of advisor and prescribed individual study profile 6. ABCTE Passport to Teaching exam 7. Twenty-one (21) ACT equivalent or achieve the nationally recommended passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination 8. No less than 2.75 GPA on content coursework in the requested area of certification or passing Praxis II scores at or above the national recommended score provided that the accepted cohort of candidates of the institution's teacher education program meets or exceeds a 3.0 GPA on pre-major coursework.
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Fees	<p>Fee to ABCTE for initial assessment and fee for exam</p> <p>Fee for mentor</p> <p>Fee for training varies per selection</p>