

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**June 21, 2018**

**OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING**  
**OFFICE OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION**

- T. Approval of the Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development

Background Information: In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated § 37-3-2(1), there is established within the State Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the Commission to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding standards for the certification and licensure and continuing professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

The educator preparation programs outlined below were approved by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development on May 4, 2018. All documents pertaining to each program's request for approval are available upon request.

The following preparation programs are presented for approval by the State Board of Education.

- A. Approval of Blue Mountain College to offer a Bachelor of Music Education (Instrumental) degree
- B. Approval of Delta State University to modify the Elementary Education program
- C. Approval of approval of Delta State University to modify the Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees in Educational Administration and Supervision
- D. Approval of Jackson State University to modify its existing Master of Science in Special Education program to include a concentration in Visual Impairments
- E. Approval of Mississippi State University to modify the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree program

- F. Approval of Tougaloo College to offer a 12-hour Pre K-K endorsement to its elementary education program
- G. Approval of University of Mississippi to offer the Early Childhood approved program endorsement as an option for students in the Bachelor of Arts in Education in Special Education degree program
- H. Approval of University of Mississippi to offer the Wellness and Physical Activity approved program endorsement for the Bachelor of Arts in Education in Special Education and Bachelor of Arts in Education
- I. Approval of University of Southern Mississippi to modify the BA in History with Social Studies licensure degree path
- J. Approval of University of Southern Mississippi to modify the School Counseling Master of Education program
- K. Approval of University of Southern Mississippi to modify the Elementary Education/Special Education programs

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

## **Educator Preparation Programs Recommendations**

- 05.A. Approval of Blue Mountain College to offer a Bachelor of Music Education Instrumental degree

### **Executive Summary**

This proposal is to implement a new Bachelor of Music Education Instrumental degree program for educators with an increase in the required hours from 132-141 to 144 hours. Currently, Blue Mountain College offers the Bachelor of Science Education in Music Education with a major in Music with a focus on piano and voice. The B.S. Ed. degree focuses on piano and voice (132-141 hours). The proposed B.M. Ed. program would prepare band directors and has 144 hours due to the need for students to become proficient in all band instruments.

- 05.B. Approval of Delta State University to modify the Elementary Education program

### **Executive Summary**

The modification includes increasing the number of credit hours in Directed Teaching Internship (CEL 496) from 9 hours to 12 hours. In addition, the modification removes a three hour concentration elective from the program to be used for the additional three hours of internship. Also, the modification removes First Aid and CPR (HSE 144) from the program. Candidates will receive first aid and CPR training through seminars.

- 05.C. Approval of Delta State University to modify the Master of Education and Education Specialist degrees in Educational Administration and Supervision

### **Executive Summary**

The modification is to reduce the number of required credit hours in the Master of Education and Ed.S. degrees in Educational Administration and Supervision from 39 to 33. Also, Delta State will modify the internship requirement for the degrees; and make adjustments to the admissions requirements to more clearly differentiate between requirements for those candidates seeking initial administrator licensure and who already hold the Mississippi 486 administrator Educator License.

- 05.D. Approval of Jackson State University to modify its existing Master of Science in Special Education program to include a concentration in Visual Impairments

### **Executive Summary**

The institution is modifying its existing Master of Science in Special Education program to include a concentration in Visual Impairments (VI). The program requirements for the degree will be 39 hours, with 27 being specialized VI courses. Also, proposed is the removal and replacement of one course in the 218 K-12 endorsement currently being used.

- 05.E. Approval of Mississippi State University modify the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree program

### **Executive Summary**

The modification includes adding a required 1-hour Introduction to Elementary Education course (EDE 2521) to the Elementary Education program of study.

- 05.F. Approval of Tougaloo College to offer a 12-hour Pre K-K endorsement to its teacher education program

### **Executive Summary**

The request includes adding a 12-hour PreK - K endorsement to the Teacher Education Program. This endorsement is for Elementary Education majors who have been accepted into the Teacher Education Program at Tougaloo College or for Mississippi educators who hold an educator license and wish to add the PreK - K endorsement to their Elementary Education license.

- 05.G. Approval of University of Mississippi to offer the Early Childhood approved program endorsement as an option for students in the Bachelor of Arts in Education in Special Education degree program

### **Executive Summary**

The modification includes offering the Early Childhood approved program endorsement as an option for students in the Bachelor of Arts in Education in Special Education degree program. Undergraduate candidates completing the

Bachelor of Arts in Education program will be prepared to be professionals in a variety of roles in the field of special education and early childhood education.

- 05.H. Approval of University of Mississippi to offer the Wellness and Physical Activity approved program endorsement for the Bachelor of Arts in Education in Special Education and Bachelor of Arts in Education

### **Executive Summary**

The modification includes offering the Wellness and Physical Activity approved program endorsement for the Bachelor of Arts in Education in Special Education. There will be four courses in the approved program that would be optional, not required. Undergraduate candidates completing the Bachelor of Arts in Education will be prepared to effectively create and implement new curricula integrating academics, wellness, and physical activity to benefit the whole child in the academic classroom.

- 05.I. Approval of University of Southern Mississippi to modify the BA in History with Social Studies licensure degree path

### **Executive Summary**

The modification includes reducing the total required hours for the degree from 133 to 122 hours to adhere to the IHL mandate that undergraduate degree plans not exceed 124 hours. This change requires no new or additional courses. Reducing the number of required credit hours for the Social Studies Licensure program will improve student retention, make degree completion in four years more likely, and increase the number of students graduating with licenses to teach social studies.

- 05.J. Approval of University of Southern Mississippi to modify the School Counseling Master of Education program

### **Executive Summary**

The modification includes adding courses to bring the School Counseling Master of Education Program to 48 hours. The increase in the program hours will also offer students the enhanced opportunity to meet National Board Certification credentialing requirements outlined in Mississippi State Board of Education policy.

05.K. Approval of University of Southern Mississippi to modify the Elementary Education/Special Education programs

### **Executive Summary**

The modification includes modifying the Elementary Education Bachelor of Science (Licensure); Special Education Bachelor of Science (Licensure); and the Elementary Education/Special Education (Dual Licensure) programs by removing COH 100 (Concepts of Wellness) and the one-hour lab courses and add practicum courses that will provide students with more clinical experience that aligns with the theory and methods taught in their academic courses.