

Chapter 14: Certification

Rule 14.1 Administrator Preparation

1. Admission Standards

- a. To be considered for admission to an approved administration preparation program, candidates must present the following:
 - i. Standard 1. A standard educator's certificate and documentation of a minimum of three years educational experience.
 - i. Standard 2. An overall GPA of 2.5 for all undergraduate work or a GPA of 2.75 for the last 60 hours of their undergraduate work.
 - ii. Standard 3. A minimum score set by the commission on a direct measure of reading skill.
 - iii. Standard 4. A satisfactory rating on a writing sample

2. For admission to an approved administration preparation program, candidates must attain the following:

- a. Standard 5. A satisfactory rating on a structured interview conducted by representatives of the college/university and colleagues in practice.
- b. Standard 6. A favorable evaluation from the candidate's immediate supervisor.
- c. Standard 7. A satisfactory rating on a structured resume.

3. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- i. Standard 1. Adhere to established admission criteria.
- ii. Standard 2. Graduate a significantly high percentage of students from the program who attain the required score on the Mississippi Assessment Battery (MAB).

1. PHASE-OUT OF 18 HOUR ADD-ON CERTIFICATE IN ADMINISTRATION

Candidates seeking certification in administration through the 18 hour add-on route must complete the requirements by September 1, 1997. If there are extenuating circumstances, students may request an extension through December 31, 1997, on an individual basis. After this date, the completion of an approved program in education leadership or school administration and a passing score on the MAB would be required for provisional certification.

1. TRANSITION IN ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The assessment process for new administrators will be transitioned from the assessment center model to the new administrator instrument (MAB) being developed by Educational Testing Service. Until July 1, 1997, the assessment center will be the only process used for provisional administrator evaluation. After this date, the assessment center will be conducted only for those who need to be reassessed. All other candidates will take the new assessment (MAB). A "safe to

practice" score based on the pilot conducted by ETS should be set for candidates taking the test between July 1997 and July 1998. This score should be raised significantly in July 1998 based on an analysis of scores obtained during the first year of test administration. It is further recommended that the score on the new administrator assessment instrument should replace the required score on the NTE for certification in administration.

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