

FAQ about Mississippi Licensure

BAEd. ELEMENTARY MAJORS:

Q: Do I have to take the Praxis II in Special Education to add my Mild/Moderate Disabilities endorsement?

A: No. You qualify for the M/M endorsement by approved program coursework.

Q: Will I qualify for endorsements in my concentration areas?

A: Most likely. Students with 18 hours in content areas/concentrations with the grade of “C” or higher in each of these courses will qualify for the add-on endorsement.

(Please note: If you completed a concentration in “fine arts”, MS does not have a “fine arts” endorsement option. If you have 18 hours in Art, 18 hours in Music, or 18 hours in Drama/Theatre with grades of “C” or higher, then you will be able to add that specific fine art content area).

BAEd. EDUCATION (ALL) MAJORS:

Q: How do I qualify for adding endorsements to my license?

A: Endorsements may be added by coursework OR Praxis II exams in content areas. See pages beginning on page 70 of the Mississippi Teacher Licensure Guidelines at the following link for more information/ click on “[Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure K-12 April 2021](#)”

<https://www.mdek12.org/licensure>

Q: When can I apply for my teaching license in MS?

A: Degrees must be posted on UM transcripts in order to officially apply for licensure in MS. *Degrees are typically posted 2 weeks after the date of graduation. This is a general estimate.* Please see the “Certification” link on our Education Website education.olemiss.edu under “Current Students” regarding “Request an official UM Transcript”.

Q: Do I need to send an official transcript from my community college or other outside institution(s) attended to the MS Department of Education/ Office of Teacher Licensure?

A: It depends. If you took any courses at another institution (besides UM) that you are using towards an endorsement, then you WILL need to send those transcripts for MDE to review. (An example: You took English Comp I at a community college and are applying for an English endorsement on your teaching license then YES you will need to request an official transcript from the community college to be sent directly to MDE).

Q: Once I have submitted my application form (online in ELMS) and sent official transcripts to the Mississippi Department of Education, how long will it take for my license to be issued?

A: Unfortunately, there is no specific timeline that we can determine for issuing of licenses. MDE's Office of Teacher Licensure handles processing through their ELMS portal. The best way to help your timeline is to make sure you have taken the steps necessary to apply. Please see the "Certification" link on our Education website education.olemiss.edu under "Current Students" regarding "Apply for a MS Teaching License" for your checklist on how to apply.