



**Mississippi  
College**  
A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**Elementary**  
(Grades 4 – 6)

## Master of Education in Teaching Arts Alternate Route Program

This program is designed to enable candidates to seek Mississippi Alternate Route Licensure in an Elementary (4-6) concentration. This program is available in both traditional and online formats. Candidates for admission must have satisfactory scores on the PRAXIS I CASE (or a 21 on ACT or a 1060 on SAT verbal/math) and PRAXIS II (Elementary Content 5018) Test and a minimum of 2.75 GPA on undergraduate work. Elementary (4-6) are also required to take The Foundations of Reading Test.

Once criteria are met, candidates may register online at [www.mc.edu/apply](http://www.mc.edu/apply). This is a Graduate program. All transcripts, Praxis I (ACT or SAT) scores, Praxis II scores, and The Foundation of Reading scores (Elementary 4-6 only) must be sent to the Graduate Admissions Office.

Following admission and successful completion of the pre-teaching required courses in EDU 6506 and 6554, candidates are eligible to apply for a Special Class A License (3-year non-renewable) with the Mississippi Department of Education. After successful completion of the pre-teaching, EDU 6506 and EDU 6554, and internship requirements, EDU 6537 and 6538, (total of 12 hours) students may apply for a Mississippi Standard A Alternate Route Educator License (5-year renewable).

Candidates may choose to continue with a Master of Education in Teaching Arts after achieving their alternate route certification. The 12 hours taken for certification can be counted toward the degree.

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# M. Ed. in Teaching Arts Status Sheet

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## Pre-Teaching Required Courses

- EDU 6506: Classroom Mgt. for Elem. Teach.** (3 hrs.)  
**EDU 6554: Tests & Measurement** (3 hrs.)

Note: Upon completion of EDU 6506 & EDU 6554, also CASE & PRAXIS II, the candidate becomes eligible for a Special Class A Alternate Route Educator License Elementary (4-6). The Special Class A Alternate Route Educator License is issued for three years and is *non-renewable*.

## Required Internship Courses

- EDU 6537: Dimensions of Learning I** (3 hrs.)  
**EDU 6538: Dimensions of Learning II** (3 hrs.)

Note: Students must complete EDU 6506 & EDU 6554 prior to enrollment in either EDU 6537 or EDU 6538. Students must be employed (under contract) as a regular classroom teacher and have a 3-year alternate route license.

EDU 6537 and EDU 6538 are taken separately. These classes are scheduled in the fall and spring—not in the summer.

## Required Core Courses for AA Licensure

- PSY 5435: Psy. of Exceptional Children** (3 hrs.)  
**EDU 6542: Technology in Education** (3 hrs.)  
**EDU 6504: Research Methods & Procedures** (3 hrs.)

## Concentration Courses for AA Licensure

- EDU 6524: Teach. Skills of Read. & Compre.** (3 hrs.)  
**EDU 6411: Children's Literature** (3 hrs.)  
**EDU 6488: Diagnostic/Prescriptive Reading** (3 hrs.)  
**EDU 6522: Current Method. in Elem. Edu.** (3 hrs.)

This elementary **33 semester hour** program has been designed to enable candidates to seek Mississippi Alternative Route Licensure with an Elementary (Grades 4-6) concentration.

### Admission:

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.75 in undergraduate degree
2. Passing scores on PRAXIS I CORE CASE tests: (5713) Reading 156; (5723) Writing 162; (5733) Mathematics 130  
**Or** ACT score of 21 or higher **Or** SAT score of 1060 or higher Math/Verbal.  
Minimum passing score on the PRAXIS II – Specialty Area Content, Currently: (5018) Elementary Education 163
3. Mississippi passing score of 229 on the Foundations of Reading Test.

### Maintenance:

Maintain a 3.0 quality point average and good standing in the graduate program at MC.

### Graduation Requirements:

1. No degree requirement may be waived without the approval of the Department Chair and the Graduate Dean.
2. Make application for graduation with the Registrar's Office at the beginning of the final semester of the student's graduate program. (The diploma is ordered from this information.)
3. At the end of the last semester, fill out a transcript request form and an application for a Mississippi Educator License. The application must be approved and signed by the advisor and the Department Chair. These forms are available in the Teacher Education Office in Lowrey Hall or online at <https://www.mc.edu/academics/departments/education/licensure>.