TEACHER EDUCATION

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Overview
The Department of Teacher Education offers the Bachelor of Arts in Education (B.A.E.) degree with emphases in special education, elementary education (special education endorsement option), and in secondary education (English, mathematics, science, and social studies). At the graduate level, the department offers the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in curriculum and instruction in early childhood education, elementary education, literacy education, secondary education and in special education. The department offers the Master of Arts (M.A.) in curriculum and instruction (Teacher Corps option and MACI option), the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in curriculum and instruction, the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) with an emphasis in elementary education, secondary mathematics education, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) with an emphasis in secondary education and special education.

Accreditation
The university's teacher education program is accredited by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for the preparation of elementary, secondary, and special education content area teachers and school service personnel, with the doctoral degree as the highest degree approved. The School of Education also holds membership in the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

Certification - Graduates from the teacher preparation program of the school meet all requirements for teaching certificates in Mississippi and in most of the other states. For students interested in teaching certificates in states other than Mississippi, adjustments in the required program may be made.