

## **Teacher Education**

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## Overview

The Department of Teacher Education offers the Bachelor of Arts in Education (B.A.E.) degree in the areas of elementary education, secondary education (English, mathematics, science, and social studies), and special education.

At the graduate level, the department offers the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in curriculum and instruction, secondary education, special education, and early childhood education; the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Teaching (Teacher Corps option); the Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in curriculum and instruction, the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in elementary education and secondary mathematics education, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 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.

