

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Master of Arts in Teaching (Licensure Track)

The Master of Arts in Teaching Alternate Route certification programs in Mississippi have three essential components:

- ✓ Testing and GPA (Praxis ETS Examination Series is required for program entry and 2.75 GPA)
- ✓ Teacher training program or relevant graduate level coursework
- ✓ One-year teaching internship.

It is very important to note that most states offer multiple options (pathways) to complete Alternate Route Teacher Licensure requirements, which makes the transfer of licensure from one state to another complex. The table below indicates the states with which Mississippi has some form of teacher licensure reciprocity. Please note that a reciprocity agreement does not guarantee that other state-specific requirements for full licensure will not have to be met. Please check the Department of Education websites of your home state as well as the state where you wish to teach to identify any specific alternate route licensure requirements which extend beyond the three essential components listed above.

Program: Master of Arts in Teaching (Alternate Route)	License Type/s: Class AA Teaching License	
Meets	Does Not Meet	Determination Has Not Been Made
AR, FL, IL, MS, MO, NV, OK AL, AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, ID, IL, IA, KA, KT, ME, MD, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NC, ND, OH, OK, RI, SC, TN, UT, VT, WV, WY <i>Note: These state have signed the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement which indicates that they pledge to "issue some form of authorization allowing an inbound certificate holder to legally teach or provide service in the receiving state, provided the license issued by the sending state is acceptable under the agreement." NASDTEC does not guarantee full teacher license reciprocity for member states bus does help clarify which licenses will transfer and what additional requirements must be met.</i>	HI, NH, NJ, NM, NY, AK, CA, GA, IN, LA, MA, MI, MN, NV, NY, OR, PA, TX, VA, WA, WI	

Important Notes to Current and Prospective MAT Students: Be advised that enrolling in a MAT Program and taking courses to obtain a provisional license is **not** the same as completing an Alternate Route MAT degree program (which includes a one-year teaching internship). A provisional license will often not be sufficient to meet the receiving states' minimum requirements for licensure.

Also, from summer 2020 through December 31, 2021, the State of Mississippi has waived the Praxis ETS Examination requirement.