

**M.S. in Literacy Education (Reading)
Professional Licensure and Disclosure Statement**

All educator licensure programs at Jackson State University are designed to comply with the licensure standards established by the Mississippi Department of Education and to prepare students to meet licensure and certification requirements within the State of Mississippi.

Licensure is a state-specific determination made by state professional licensing boards based on state-determined criteria. Certification constitutes a state certification, rather than a certification by any other public or private entity.

If you are enrolled in or considering a licensure or certification program at Jackson State University and reside outside of Mississippi—or if you intend to teach in a state other than Mississippi—it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate state licensing agency in the state where you plan to seek employment.

Consulting the appropriate state agency will provide you with the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding licensure and certification requirements specific to that state. If you have specific questions, please contact Mr. Michael Mozee, Director of the Center for Teacher Quality at michael.t.mozee@jsums.edu.

**Additionally, the M.S. in Literacy Education program is an advanced licensure program. All students must already have an initial teacher license in order to be admitted to the program.*