Class AA Program Checklist for Teaching Field

Institution: UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

### Teaching Field

- **12**
  - (At least 1/3 of the program shall be teaching field courses)
  - Advisor-approved biology courses at 500+ level
  - (Courses must be from at least two different areas.)

### Curriculum and Instruction

- **6**
  - EDC 707 Introduction to Teacher Leadership
  - EDC 711 Analysis and Evaluation of Teaching

### Diversity

- **3**
  - EDC 732 Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Instruction

### Research Sequence

- **6**
  - EPR 594 Introduction to Educational Research Design
  - EHS 720 Individual Research in Education

### Elective

- **3**
  - One of the following options, to be approved in advance by advisor:
    - EPR 596 Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Educational Research
    - 500+ level course in the teaching field
    - 600+ level course in education (e.g., ECT, ECY, EDC, EDF, EDR, EDT, EESL, EHS, EPR)
  - National Board Certification in Biology transferred in as
    - EHS 680 National Board Certification (3 hours)

### Survey of Special Education Coursework

- **0-3**
  - (required if not previously completed):
    - ECY 600 Introduction to Exceptional Learners (3 hours)

### ALSDE Requirements for Class AA Certification in Biology Education

Prospective students should NOT begin any coursework without first seeking advisement from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (call 205-934-5371). Students who ignore this admonition assume responsibility for their own mistakes.

Once a candidate has completed checklist requirements and has met all admission, exit, and certification requirements, the candidate will be eligible for Class AA certification in Biology Education. To be eligible for this certification, the candidate must:

- submit a completed application for certification during the last term of enrollment in the Class AA Biology Education Program (and no later than 60 calendar months following completion of this degree program);
- successfully complete all courses on the Class AA program checklist, meet the criteria of UAB’s Graduate School for completing the corresponding degree program, and, as of July 1, 2017, earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 for all courses on this Class AA checklist;
- possess a Class A Professional Certificate in the Biology Education Program; and
- meet all requirements for the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP).

### Program Admission Requirements for Class AA Certification in Biology Education

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the Graduate School, a candidate must meet requirements for unconditional admission to the Biology Education Program. To be eligible for unconditional admission to this Class AA certification program, a candidate must hold a valid Alabama master’s level professional educator certificate in Biology Education (or else Class B in Biology and Class A in ESOL).

**Please Note:** If an individual is unconditionally admitted to this Class AA program based on a valid bachelor’s level professional educator certification from another state, this individual must hold valid Alabama Class A certification in Biology Education before completing this Class AA program in Biology Education and subsequently applying for Alabama certification at the Class AA level in Biology Education.