Candidate’s Name:  
Issued to candidate on ____________________ by ____________________  
Program: **BIOLOGY (6-12)**  
Total Hours: **30-33**

**CLASS AA PROGRAM CHECKLIST FOR TEACHING FIELD**

Institution:  **UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM**

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<th>Teaching Field:</th>
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<td>(At least 1/3 of the program shall be in teaching field courses)</td>
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<td>Advisor-approved Biology courses at 500+ level</td>
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**Survey of Special Education Coursework**
- **ECY 600 Introduction to Exceptional Learners**  0-3

*If course was taken for prior level certification, another approved diversity course is required. EDC 732 fulfill the diversity course requirement.

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

**Program Admission Requirements for Class AA Certification in Biology (6-12)**

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

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the Graduate School, a candidate must meet requirements for unconditional admission to the Biology (6-12) 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 (6-12) (or else Class B in Biology (6-12) and Class A in ESOL (P-12)).

**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 (6-12) before completing this Class AA program in Biology (6-12) and subsequently applying for Alabama certification at the Class AA level in Biology (6-12).

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**Additional Courses:**

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<td>EDC 707 Introduction to Teacher Leader</td>
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**Research:**
- **EPR 596 Intro to Qualitative Methods in Educational Research**  3
- **Take one of the following courses**  3
  - **EDC 608 Statistical Methods & Action Research**  3
  - **EHS 720 Individual Research in Education**  3

**Elective:**
- **One of the following options, to be approved in advance by advisor:**  3
  - **EPR 594 Introduction to Educational Research Design**  3
  - **500+ level course in the teaching field**  3
  - **600+ level course in education**  3
  - **E.g., ECT, ECY, EDC, EDF, EDR, EDT, ESSL, EHS, EPR**
  - **EHS 680 National Board Certification**  3

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**ALSDE Requirements for Class AA Certification in Biology (6-12)**

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 (6-12). 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 (6-12) 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 Educational Specialist degree program, earning an overall GPA of 3.50
- possess a valid Class A Professional Educator Certificate in the Biology (6-12) or Class B in Biology (6-12) and Class A in ESOL (P-12); and
- meet all requirements for the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP)

**Dean of Education:** Michelle Robinson

**Date:** 10/13/2022