# STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## TEACHER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

### APPROVED

**SBE**

**TEP**

Program: ELEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

| Total Hours: 30-33 |

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**CLASS AA PROGRAM CHECKLIST FOR TEACHING FIELD**

**Institution:** UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

**Date Approved:** 7/8/2014

**Date Expires:** 5/31/2021

**Revisions:** 6/12/2017; 7/10/2020

## TEACHING FIELD

| Hours: 18-21 |

- (At least 1/3 of the program shall be teaching field courses)
- *Advisor approved substitutions at the 600 or 700 level

### ADDITIONAL COURSES

| Hours: 9 |

- Research:
  - EPR 596 Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Educational Research

- Teaching Field Focus Area - Select One Area
  - Teacher Leader
  - EEC 611 Teaching Roles in ELEM & ECE
  - EDC 707 Introduction to Teacher Leadership
  - Teacher Researcher
  - EPR 608 Statistical Methods and Action Research
  - EPR 609 Statistical Methods and Research in Education: Intermediate

### PRACTICUM

| Hours: 3 |

- ECE 695 Practicum in Supervision in EEC
- EEC 692 Curriculum Projects
- *ECE 691 Practicum in ECE and ELEM

* Practicum will be with age group different than in-service teaching position (ECE - K-2 / ELEM - 3-6).

## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS AA CERTIFICATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

In addition to meeting the requirements for admission to the Graduate School, a candidate must meet requirements for unconditional admission to the Elementary Education Program. To be eligible for unconditional admission to this program, a candidate must hold a valid Alabama master’s level professional educator certificate in Elementary Education (Class A) OR meet one of the special circumstances noted on the second page of this document.

## ALSDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS AA CERTIFICATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

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 Elementary 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 Elementary Education Program;
- Complete the Class AA program with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on all course checklists; and
- Possess a Class A Professional Certificate as outlined on the second page of this document.

## SPECIAL NOTES

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

*An individual who completes this program must submit application for Alabama certification within 60 calendar months of completion of this program.*

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Dean of Education

Date: 5-14-2021
Unconditional Admission to a Class AA Program for Teaching Fields. Requirements for unconditional admission shall include a valid master's level professional educator certificate in the same teaching field(s) in which the Class AA Professional Educator Certificate is sought, except as prescribed below:

(a) Special circumstances:
1. A teacher with a valid bachelor's level professional educator certificate in early childhood education and a valid master's level professional educator certificate in Reading may be unconditionally admitted to a Class AA program in Early Childhood Education.
2. A teacher with a valid bachelor's level professional educator certificate in any teaching field and a valid master's level professional educator certificate in English for Speakers of Other Languages may be unconditionally admitted to a Class AA program in the same teaching field for which the teacher holds a valid bachelor's level professional educator certificate.

(b) If an individual is unconditionally admitted to an Alabama Class AA program based on a valid master's level professional educator certificate in another state, completes a Class AA program, and subsequently applies for Alabama certification at the Class AA level, then the individual must hold at least a valid Class A Professional Educator Certificate before applying for Class AA certification.