Career Pathway: Teacher Academy

- This is an "add on" endorsement that may be earned only by persons who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and holds a currently valid 5-year standard Mississippi Educator License.

A #971 endorsement allows a person to teach:

996300 Teacher Academy I
996301 Teacher Academy II
996302 Foundations of an Educator
996303 Practices of an Educator
996304 Exploring Diversities and Communication
996305 Progressive Practices of Teacher Academy

This endorsement requires the following:

1. Applicant must hold a bachelor's degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university and hold a currently valid 5-year standard teaching license in Mississippi.

2. Applicant must have completed or be in the process of completing the National Board Teacher Certification process.

3. Applicant must validate technology competency by attaining the established minimum score or higher on an assessment approved by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). The assessment must be directly related to technology competency required by the grade level and subject matter being taught. Approved assessments for this license are IC3, Propulse, or other specific assessment created by third-party vendors, authorized by the Local Education Agency (LEA) and approved by the MDE.

4. Applicant must successfully complete a Certification for an online learning workshop, module, or course that is approved by the MDE.

5. Applicant must successfully complete the Teacher Academy Certification workshop, module, or course that is approved by the MDE.

6. Applicant must enroll immediately in Vocational Instructor Preparation (VIP) program or the College and Career Readiness Educator Program (CCREP) program. Applicant must complete the individualized professional development plan (PDP) requirements of the VIP or CCREP program prior to the expiration date of the three-year vocational license.

Note: If the applicant meets all requirements listed above, that applicant will be issued an endorsement supplemental to their existing five-year license. If the applicant does not meet all requirements, the applicant will be issued an emergency endorsement, and all requirements for the supplemental endorsement must be satisfied prior to the renewal date of the standard license.