ENTRANCE AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (TEP)

Students will apply for admission into the Teacher Education Program (TEP) as part of the course requirements for EDU 300, INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATION. Transfer students, who have had the course equivalent of EDU 300 at another 4-year institution, must make application to the TEP by seeing the secretary in the Office of Field Experiences during their first semester at Mississippi College. No upper level (300-400) courses including EDU 300 are accepted in transfer from 2-year colleges as part of Teacher Education program requirements. All students applying for entrance into the TEP are given one calendar year from the time of their first testing to pass the Praxis I (if required) and to achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above.
Additionally the student must:

1. have successfully completed 44 semester hours
2. have an overall (cumulative) GPA of at least 2.5
3. have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the area(s) of expected certification
4. pass the PPST: Reading 172: Writing 173: Mathematics 172. *(as of September 1, 2012)*
5. have passed the Writing Proficiency Exam or Eng 299.

NOTE: ALL STUDENTS APPLYING FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE TEP ARE GIVEN ONE CALENDAR YEAR FROM THE TIME OF THEIR FIRST ENTRANCE TESTING TO PASS THE PRAXIS I (PPST) AND TO ACHIEVE A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.50 OR ABOVE.

ENTRANCE AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SEMESTER (PS) AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS ARE GENERALLY RESTRICTED TO COPIAH, HINDS, MADISON, RANKIN AND WARREN COUNTIES. **Appeals to student teach outside of these areas must be made to the Teacher Education Department Chair. Student Teaching is to be completed during the senior year after the following requirements have been met:**

1. **be admitted to the Teacher Education Program for at least one full semester prior to the semester of student teaching.**
2. **have completed EDU 299.**
3. **have passed the Writing Proficiency Exam.**
4. **not have any grades of (I) incomplete.**
5. **complete any correspondence courses and have grade(s) on file in the Registrar's Office before the Professional Semester begins.**
6. **have at least a 2.5 GPA in the area(s) of expected certification as well as a cumulative GPA of 2.5.**
7. **have completed at least three-fourths of the required courses in his/her area of specialization, (secondary education students only).**
8. **have completed (with a minimum grade of C) all Professional Education and subject matter courses except 471, 472, 473, 474 (K-12 students only) and EDU 431, 432, 433, 434 (7-12 students).**
9. **upon taking EDU 460 must pass with a grade of C or better.**

Applications for student teaching are screened by the Teacher Education Committee and students are notified of the Committee's decision. Each student is responsible for returning the assigned forms properly completed to the licensure secretary by the assigned date.

Students pass the Praxis I as part of the entrance requirements into the TEP. Students also pass Praxis II which includes the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) and a specialty area test in order to be licensed by the Mississippi Department of Education.

I have read carefully the above material. I understand that it is my responsibility to see that each of these requirements is met. I also understand that I am responsible for the information found in the college catalog.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Printed Name:_____