# Certification Information

**Resource:** Mississippi Department of Education/ Office of Educator Licensure

[https://www.mdek12.org/OEL](https://www.mdek12.org/OEL)

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## ELEMENTARY K-6 / Required Licensure Tests:

**Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):**
- Elementary Education (K-6) [Test Code 5017]
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT K-6 [Test Code 5622]
- Go to [https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements](https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements) to register

**Foundations of Reading Exam (ONE TEST):**
- Foundations of Reading
- Go to [http://www.ms.nesinc.com](http://www.ms.nesinc.com) to register

*All three tests listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Elementary Education.*

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## SECONDARY EDUCATION 7-12 / Required Licensure Tests:

**Praxis II Tests (TWO Tests):**
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
- Take the Praxis II exam in your degree program area. The different content area tests are listed below:
  - *Biology* [Test Code 5236]
  - *Chemistry* [Test Code 5246]
  - *English Language and Literature* [Test Code 5038]
  - *Mathematics* [Test Code 5165]
  - *Physics* [Test Code 5266]
  - *Social Studies* [Test Code 5081]
- Go to [https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements](https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements) to register

*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Secondary Education.*

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## Early Childhood Education / Required Licensure Tests:

**Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):**
- Child Development [Test Code 5024]
- Principles of Learning and Teaching/ PLT Pre-K/K [Test Code 5621]
- Go to [https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements](https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements) to register

*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Early Childhood Education.*
Health and Physical Education / Required Licensure Tests:
[Note: UM HPE graduates qualify for both Physical Education and Health Education]

Praxis II Tests (TWO TESTS):
- Physical Education (K-12) [Test Code 5091]
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT
  Select ONE of the grade levels only—Grades K-6 [Test Code 5622]; or Grades 4-6 [Test Code 5623]; or Grades 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
- Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register
*Both the PLT & content area test listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Health and Physical Education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION K-12/ Required Licensure Tests:
[Note: UM SPED graduates qualify for Mild/Moderate & Severe/Profound Disabilities]

Praxis II Tests (TWO Tests):
- Special Education [Test code 5355] – new test code effective 9/1/2023
- Principles of Learning & Teaching/ PLT
  Select ONE of the grade levels only—Grades K-6 [Test Code 5622]; or Grades 4-6 [Test Code 5623]; or Grades 7-12 [Test Code 5624]
- Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register

Foundations of Reading Exam (ONE TEST):
- Foundations of Reading
- Go to http://www.ms.nesinc.com to register

*The PLT, SPED content area tests & Foundations of Reading Exam listed above are required for a standard, renewable license in Special Education.

Praxis II Test – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Special Education Fundamental Subject HQ [Test code 5511]
- Go to https://www.ets.org/praxis/ms/requirements to register
  [Note: The Fundamental Subject Test allows SPED teachers to be licensed to teach in a broader range of classroom settings--- self-contained, inclusion, etc. This test is not required to receive an initial license but maximizes your job opportunities]

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