THE MISSION OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNIT at SOUTHERN MISS is five-fold: a) prepare high-quality teachers and education leaders for our state; b) conduct innovative, relevant research that informs decision-making in education; c) establish strong relationships with local school districts and the Mississippi Department of Education to improve education in our state; d) promote a healthier populace; and e) enhance cultural understanding among our citizens.

Southern Miss offers initial teacher licensure programs at the traditional undergraduate level, alternate-route certificate level, or alternate-route graduate level. The Unit also offers advanced educator licensure programs as well as programs for other school professionals at the graduate level.

ACCREDITATION

The Professional Education Unit at The University of Southern Mississippi is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Programs, as applicable, are either nationally recognized by their specialized professional association or accredited by additional external reviewers.
Traditional Route, Undergraduate, Initial Teacher Licensure Programs

- BS Biological Sciences (Licensure Grade Levels: 7-12)
- BS Chemistry (Licensure Grade Levels: 7-12)
- BFA Dance Education (Licensure Grade Levels: K-12)
- BA Education of the Deaf (Licensure Grade Levels: K-12)
- BS Elementary Education (Licensure Grade Levels: K-6)
- BS Elementary Education (Dual Licensure in Elementary Education Grade Levels K-6 and Special Education Grade Levels K-12)
- BS Elementary Education - Teacher Assistant Pathway (Licensure Grade Levels K-6)
- BA English (Licensure Grade Levels: 7-12)
- BA Foreign Languages (Licensure in Spanish or French Grade Levels: K-12)
- BA History (Licensure in Social Studies Grade Levels: 7-12)
- BS Human Performance (Physical Education Licensure Grade Levels: K-12)
- BS Human Performance/Sport Coaching Education (Physical Education Licensure Grade Levels: K-12)
- BS Instructional Technology (Business Technology Education Licensure Grade Levels: 7-12)
- BS Mathematics (Licensure Grade Levels: 7-12)
- BMEd Music Education (Instrumental or Choral Licensure Grade Levels: K-12)
- BS Physics (Licensure Grade Levels: 9-12)
- BS Special Education (Licensure Grade Levels: K-12)

Alternate Route, Initial Teacher Licensure Programs

- Jump Start Pathway to Alternate Route
- Teach Mississippi Institute Certificate
- MAT Master of Arts in Teaching

Advanced, Graduate Degree Licensure Teacher Programs

- MA English with English Education emphasis
- MS Science Education (Biology, Chemistry, Coastal, Earth, Marine, Math, or Physics)
- MS Human Performance
- MEd Educational Curriculum and Instruction (Elementary Education)
- MEd Dyslexia Therapy Education
- MEd Special Education
- MMEd Music Education
- PhD Music Education
- PhD Science Education (Biology, Chemistry, Coastal, Computer, Earth, Marine, Math, Medical Technology, Physics, Polymer)

Graduate Degree Preparation Programs for Other School Professionals

- MEd Educational Administration and Supervision (Building Level)
- MEd School Counseling and Guidance Services (Licensure)
- MUS Library and Information Science (Licensure)
- MS Speech and Hearing Sciences (Education of the Deaf)
- EdS Education (Elementary Education)
- EdS Education (Special Education)
- EdS Education with emphasis in Educational Administration P-12 (Building or District Licensure)
- EdEd Education with emphasis in Educational Administration P-12 (Building or District Licensure)
- PhD Education (Elementary Education)
- PhD Education (Special Education)
- PhD Education with emphasis in Educational Administration P-12 (Building or District Licensure)
- PhD School Psychology

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