ADVISEE CHECKLIST, ENGLISH WITH LICENSURE DEGREE

Please keep this form up to date as you progress through your requirements and bring to advisement

PRE-CANDIDATE: _____________________________________ ADVISOR: _______________________________________

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM*:

___ Completing the general education core** with a minimum GPA of 2.75

___ Attaining a minimum composite ACT score of 21 with no sub scores below 18 OR a minimum SAT score of 860 (the ACT or SAT must be taken before admission to college). If such scores are not attained, passing Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) exams in reading, writing, and mathematics. Visit www.ets.org for Praxis information, registration, and practice test items. Test code: #5712, 5722, & 5732.

___ Purchasing a subscription to TK20, valid for seven (7) years. TK20 is an online software system that collects data for CAEP. Subscription can be purchased on the TK20 homepage: http://usm.tk20.com or from the textbook center.

___ Completing an application to the Professional Education Program, by visiting Sherri Dann in the Licensure office, OMH 121-B (receiving the Gold Card), at which time an official background check will be conducted to determine the lack of felony convictions.

*A waiver for any of these may be issued after contacting the student’s departmental advisor and making an appointment with the Dean of the College of Education and Psychology, Dr. Ann Blackwell, at 601-266-4175.

**The USM general education core (GEC) consists of 38 hours of coursework, but the MS Department of Education identifies a 44-hour general education core. Therefore, candidates need to complete all 38 hours of the GEC coursework and two other courses (one social science and one humanities requirement) from CoAL Bachelor of Arts requirements with a 2.75 before applying for the Gold Card.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ENGLISH WITH LICENSURE DEGREE

___ Scoring a C or higher in all English and education courses (see individual DPR for course requirements); candidate must complete the program requirements for the catalog year they enter the Professional Education Program.

___ Taking CIS 313/302 immediately after earning the Gold Card; postponing these required courses could postpone the completion of the degree program by 1-3 semesters, since CIS 313 is a prerequisite for ENG 491 and these cannot be taken concurrently.

___ Planning the program of study with the awareness that the English methods courses (ENG 401, 402, and 403) are not taught every semester. In Hattiesburg, ENG 402 is taught in the fall and 401 and 403 are taught in the spring; the reverse is true on the Gulf Coast campus. None are available during summer terms.

___ Registering for the Praxis II English Content Knowledge and PLT (Principles of Learning and Teaching) tests during the final semester of coursework, immediately prior to the student teaching semester. Visit www.ets.org for Praxis II information, registration, and practice test items. Test codes: #5041 and 5624.

OTHER ITEMS

___ Students are required to read and become familiar with the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct, available on TK20 and the Mississippi Department of Education website at: http://www.med.k12.ms.us/.

___ Mississippi law requires fingerprinting and background checks on all new hires for licensed teaching positions; all teacher candidates are advised that school districts will perform updated background checks as a condition of employment.

___ Any exception to any Professional Education policy or procedure must be requested by filling out a “Request for an Exception” form (available in the English Department). For an exception form at the beginning of the semester, the form must be completed and received by the CoEP Dean’s Office the Wednesday prior to the beginning of classes.

___ The Mississippi Department of Education and/or other accrediting agencies can change program requirements at any time.