

ABCTE's certification is ideal for knowledgeable and motivated professionals who want to change careers and become teachers, and for current teachers who need to earn their certification.

The program was officially recognized by the Mississippi State Board of Education as a route to state certification in July 2006. All teachers certified through ABCTE are considered highly qualified.

Current Mississippi Certifications

- Biology (7-12)
- Chemistry (7-12)
- English (7-12)
- Math (7-12)
- Physics (7-12)

Requirements

All candidates for certification must hold a bachelor's degree and demonstrate mastery on subject area and professional teaching knowledge examinations. Prior to earning certification, candidates must also pass a federal background check.

Process

1. Complete ABCTE's certification program
 - a. Ideally, certificate should be used within 3 years
 - b. ABCTE certificate is used in step 2 below

Mississippi Department of Education Requirements for using the ABCTE certificate
(<http://www.googlesyndicatedsearch.com/u/MDE?q=abcte&sa=Go>)

1. Obtain a teaching position in a Mississippi school
2. Apply to MS Department of Education for a One-Year Alternate Route License
3. Complete one year mentoring program. Mentoring programs are offered at no cost by most MS school districts
4. Complete one of the following:
 - a. The MS Department of Education 8-week online training (free)OR
 - b. The MS Alternate Path to Quality Teachers 3-week summer training offered through 5 MS community collegesOR
 - c. 6 hrs of initial graduate-level university courses(Classroom Management, Tests and Measurements)
5. Apply for a Five-Year Alternate Route License