MODIFICATION TO EXISTING ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM

Institutional Request Form – Appendices 9ab
(Submit in PDF format with signatures.)

Institution:	Mississippi State University
Date of anticipated modification implementation:	January 2024
Modification request:	☒Rename ☐Consolidate
Responsible academic unit: Institutional contact: Phone: Email:	Mississippi State University Meridian Division of Education Kimberly Hall 601-484-0189 krj4@msstate.edu
List any institutions within the State offering similar programs:	Delta State University, Jackson State University, University of Southern Mississippi, William Carey University

RENAMING - Complete this section if modification being requested is the renaming of an academic degree program.	
Program title as it currently appears on Academic Program Inventory, Diploma, and Transcript:	Master of Arts in Teaching – Middle Level Education
New program title as it will appear on Academic Program Inventory, Diploma, and Transcript:	Master of Arts in Teaching – Elementary Education
Degree(s) awarded:	Master of Arts
Six-digit CIP code, IHL sequence code:	13.1202
Total credit-hour requirement:	36

CONSOLIDATING - Complete this section if modification being requested is the consolidation of academic degree programs.	
Program titles as currently appears on Academic Program Inventory, Diploma, and Transcript:	Click or tap here to enter text.
New consolidated program title as it will appear on Academic Program Inventory, Diploma, and Transcript:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Degree(s) to be awarded:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Six-digit CIP code, IHL sequence code for consolidated program:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Six-digit CIP code, IHL sequence code for program(s) that are to be eliminated through the consolidation process: (Deletion forms do not need to be completed for these.)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Total credit-hour requirement for new consolidated program:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Please respond to the questions on the following pages to aid the institution and IHL staff in making recommendations to the IHL Board of Trustees regarding this proposal.

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Chief Academic Officer Signature – Date

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Institutional Executive Officer Signature – Date

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Number of students enrolled in last 5 years: (For consolidation request, combine numbers for all programs to be consolidated)		Number of graduates expected in next 5 years in renamed/consolidated program:	
Year 1	0	Year 1	34
Year 2	0	Year 2	50
Year 3	0	Year 3	60
Year 4	34	Year 4	70
Year 5	50	Year 5	80
Total	84	Total	294

Program summary:

The M.A.T.E. program is an alternate route licensure program of study that consists of 36 semester hours of graduate-level coursework. It is designed for those who wish to prepare for a career as an elementary teacher.

Program Modification Questions:

1 Describe how the proposed modification fits within the mission of the institution.

Mississippi State University is a public research, land-grant university with a mission to provide access and opportunity to all sectors of Mississippi's diverse population, as well as other states and countries, and to offer excellent programs of teaching, research, and service. MSU offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across many disciplines. The university embraces its role as a major contributor to the economic development of the state and beyond through targeted research and the transfer of ideas and technology to the public, supported by faculty, staff, student, and alumni relationships with industry, community organizations, and government entities.

As can be seen by the first 2 years of enrollment in the program, the MAT-E degree contributes significantly to the economic development of our state by producing teachers that can work in a critical needs area, elementary education, for our state. The change in name from Middle Level Education to Elementary Education simply reflects the license that the Mississippi Department of Education awards (K-6).

2 Is this modification unnecessarily duplicative of other programs within the IHL system?

The modification now puts the degree program name in line with the 4 other universities offering the degree.

3 Describe the anticipated institutional impact including any research efforts associated with this program.

Enrollment may increase in the program because the name of the program will be reflective of an Elementary Education licensure program (K-6) rather than a Middle Level licensure program (7-8). Potential students looking for universities offering the alternate route in elementary education will now easily be able to identify that MSU offers the degree.

4 Are there any anticipated budget savings associated with the proposed modification?

No change in budget is expected.

5 Are there any changes to the educational objectives of the degree program associated with the proposed modification?

Educational objectives remain the same.

6 Are there any changes to the curriculum of the degree program associated with the proposed modification?

Yes. Six courses have been revised to more accurately address grades K-6.

7 Describe how the proposed modifications will affect program faculty.

No effect on faculty is expected.

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8	Describe the evaluation process which led to the request for the proposed modification.
	When the Mississippi Department of Education provided the opportunity for an alternate route pathway to earn a K-6 license, faculty began examining the current Middle Level Education degree program to make necessary modifications that would reflect the new license, which included renaming the degree program to reflect the license and course modifications to address grades K-6.