

FAQ about Adding Endorsements:

ALL EDUCATION MAJORS:

☀ **How do I qualify for endorsements to my license?**

Endorsements may be added by coursework OR Praxis II exams. See pages 74-78 of the MS Teacher Licensure Guidelines at the following link for more information:

<https://www.mdek12.org/OTL/OEL/K12>

Additional helpful information from the Guidelines link above may be found on the following pages:

Endorsements added by coursework (p. 74)
Endorsements added by approved programs (p. 73)
Endorsements added by Praxis II (p. 72)
Praxis II exam cut scores (p. 78)
Endorsement codes (p. 83)

☀ **How do I qualify for the Math 7-12 vs. Math 7-8 endorsement?**

Teacher candidates with 21 hours of any mathematics course with grades of “C” or higher qualify for Math 7-8. Teacher candidates wanting to teach at the Math 7-12 level must complete a prescribed grouping of higher level math courses including calculus, discrete mathematics, advanced algebra, statistics, geometry and trigonometry. For an exact listing of courses to meet 7-12 guidelines, you may email whitdt@olemiss.edu

Additionally, teacher candidates may sit for the Praxis II exam in either Middle Grades Math 7-8 or Math 7-12 to qualify for the endorsement in lieu of the coursework.

ELEMENTARY MAJORS:

☀ **Do I have to take the Praxis II test in Sped to add my mild/moderate disability (SPED) endorsement?**

NO. The completion of the 4 SPED courses in your degree program qualify you for the add-on in mild/moderate disabilities by means of an “approved program”.

☀ **How can I certify for middle school grades or above and be highly qualified?** Middle School grades are identified as grades 7 & 8. You may add secondary endorsements (grades 7-8 or 7-12) by coursework **OR** Praxis in a specialty area (i.e. English, Social Studies, etc.) to add higher level grades.

*Elementary majors use their **concentration areas** to qualify for the additional endorsements. You must have a “C” or higher in these concentration courses to qualify. Your University Certification Officer will recommend you for these endorsement areas for your Mississippi teaching license.*

[Note: If one of your concentration areas is *mathematics*, please see the section above for all majors that addresses the Math 7-12 vs. Math 7-8 qualifications.]