### Freshman and Sophomore courses available from Northeast Mississippi Community College

**CORE CURRICULUM - 42 hours**

**English Composition – 6 hours**
- ENG 1113, 1123 English Composition I, II

**Social and Behavioral Sciences – 12 hours**
- SOC 2113 Intro. to Sociology I or PSC 1113 American National Govt.
- History – Choose any two.
- GEO 1113 World Geography

**Mathematics and Sciences – 15 hours**
- MAT 1313 College Algebra or more advanced mathematics course
- Physical Science with lab (must choose from: Physics, Astronomy, or Physical Science II)
- Biological Science with lab (Choose any science listed as BIO except BIO 1613 Nutrition)
- Science Elective (Choose from Chemistry, Geology or Physical Science I)

**Humanities and Fine Arts – 9 hours**
- Choose any two literatures (American I or II, English I or II, or World I or II)
- Fine Arts Choose one 3-hour Art, Music, or Theatre Appreciation course.

**General Education - 6 hours**
- MAT 1723 The Real Number System
- MAT 1733 Geometry, Measurement, and Probability

**A maximum of 61 hours of community college credit may be applied toward a Bachelor of Arts in Education- Elementary Education degree at The University of Mississippi.**
Concentration Areas (hours will vary according to concentration choices)

Two areas of concentration are required. Both concentrations require a minimum of 18 hours. Courses taken in the core and general education areas count toward concentrations. Concentrations can lead to 7-12 subject teaching endorsements.

- Computers (18 for concentration; 21 semester hours need for 7-12 endorsement) - Oxford only
- English (3 hours in addition to what is listed in the core for 7-12 endorsement)
- Fine Arts (18 for concentration; 21 semester hours need for 7-12 endorsement) - Oxford only
- Foreign Language (18 for concentration; 21 semester hours need for 7-12 endorsement) - Oxford only
- Mathematics (9 hours in addition to the core and general education for 7-8 endorsement; to get 9-12 endorsement 18-21 hours in addition to core is required)
- Natural Science (6-7 hours in addition to what is listed in the core for 7-12 endorsement)
- Social Studies (6 hours in addition to what is listed in the core for 7-12 endorsement), choose from: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, sociology, southern studies, or gender studies

** Endorsements include classes taken during senior year Fall “Block”, so must complete program to earn endorsements**

IMPORTANT PROGRAM CHANGE
Due to changes to the Elementary Education program, students from NEMCC should complete the 48 hours comprised of the core and general education requirements above BEFORE transferring. A maximum of 61 semester hours of community college transfer credit may be applied to the Elementary Education degree, meaning students will have 13 hours that may be transferred in addition to the core and general education requirements. Students should use the remaining 13 transfer hours to fulfill concentration hours in science, social studies, or English. It is STRONGLY suggested that students complete the full 61 hours before transferring.

IMPORTANT NOTES:
A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 is required to enter education coursework, and a cumulative GPA or core GPA of 2.75 is required to enter Phase II TEP of the Elementary Education program. Please be aware that GPA’s may change after transferring due to differences in calculation methods. It is important to remember that Phase II begins with the second semester for full-time education students.

The University of Mississippi-Tupelo strongly recommends that students provide test scores before transferring and especially if applying for scholarships. Passing scores for the Praxis I or an appropriate ACT score (composite of at least 21 with no subtest scores lower than 18) or SAT score (860 composite) are required for admission into Phase II TEP and for most education scholarships. Please visit the Praxis website at [http://www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) and see your academic advisor for more information.

Praxis I: CORE (Core Academic Skills for Educators) Scores Required (please note, this test replaced the Praxis I PPST on 9/1/13; if you took Praxis before that date you took the PPST; PPST scores are no longer being accepted by the state):
- Reading—156
- Writing—162
- Math—150

BACKGROUND CHECKS: All candidates in the School of Education must have a background check performed prior to beginning field experiences. Appointments can be scheduled on the School of Education’s website for the following locations: Tupelo, Desoto County, Oxford, or Grenada. A fee of $40 is required. Only one background check is required while in the teacher education program; however, if a candidate is not enrolled at the University of Mississippi for more than one calendar year, a second background check will be required. If a background check reveals a criminal history, the candidate may not be allowed to participate in field experiences, which means he/she will not be able to complete the program.

Junior Senior Level Core Schedule on next page........
First semester, Junior year (Phase I) – 18 hours

EDCI 352  Education, Society, and the K-12 Learner
EDRD 355  Early Literacy Instruction I and II (6 hours)
EDSP 308  Introduction to Special Education
EDSP 327  Nature & Needs with Mild/Moderate Disability
WRIT 250  Applied Writing  *(General Education Core)*

Second semester, Junior year (Phase II TEP) – 18 hours

EDCI 353  Planning and Teaching Strategies for Effective Classroom Practice
EDRD 400  Reading Instruction in the Elementary School
EDSP 407  Organization & Administration of Special Education
EDSP 410  Instructional Strategies for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities
ARED 361  Teaching of Art in the Elementary School  *(General Education Core)*
MUS 329  Music for Children  *(General Education Core)*

First semester, Senior year “Block” (Phase II TEP) - 18 hours

EDEL 401  Social Studies in the Elementary School
EDEL 402  Art of Teaching Literacy in the Elementary School
EDEL 403  Mathematics for the Elementary School
EDEL 404  Science in the Elementary School
EDRD 414  Reading Diagnoses and Intervention
EDLE 417  Action Labs in the Elementary School

Second semester, Senior year – (Phase III TEP) – 12-15 hours

EDLE 464  Student Teaching: Elementary Education (9 hours)
EDCI 419  Effective Classroom Management for Teachers

No more than one additional course may be taken this semester (to finish a concentration or endorsement)

- All courses listed above require a 2.5 GPA (except for the 3 italicized courses, which may be taken in any semester, but are listed during the semester the courses are more often taken)
- Courses in **bold** require admission into Phase II TEP (see next page)
- Courses in **bold and underlined** require completion of the senior “Block” courses and admission into Phase II TEP (see next page)

**MINIMUM DEGREE PROGRAM TOTAL** - **122 hours**
IMPORTANT NOTES:

**Admission to Phase II of the Teacher Education Program (TEP)**
1. Completion of 42 semester hours in the general core courses
2. GPA of 2.75 or higher on the Core Curriculum or overall GPA of 2.75 or higher
3. Appropriate scores on the Praxis I: CORE, ACT, or SAT
4. Formal application for admission to Teacher Education filed in Office of the Dean by deadline
5. Approval by the Teacher Education Committee

**Admission to Phase III of the Teacher Education Program (TEP) – Student Teaching**
1. Admission to the TEP
2. A minimum grade of “C” in all professional education courses, with the exception of those required during student teaching. If this minimum of “C” is not met, the course(s) must be retaken before enrolling in the next level of professional education courses.
3. Completion of all but two courses in the teaching field with a minimum grade of “C” (not including electives)
4. Completion of 15 hours in residency at The University of Mississippi (includes Tupelo campus)

**General Requirements for Completing the B. A. E. in Elementary Education:**

1. At least 122 semester hours
2. At least 30 semester hours of residence credit in School of Education (includes The University of Mississippi-Booneville/Tupelo)
3. Not more than 33 semester hours of correspondence and extension credit
4. Not more than 61 semester hours of transfer credit from community college to be applied toward the degree.

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