

**EXCERPT from 2015**  
**NCATE INSTITUTIONAL REPORT**  
**Continuing Visit**  
**Continuous Improvement Pathway**

**I.3 Summarize programs offered at initial and advanced preparation levels (including off campus, distance learning, and alternate route programs), status of state approval, national recognition, and if applicable, findings of other national accreditation associations related to the preparation of education professionals.**

At the initial level, the unit offers B.S. degrees in Elementary Education; Kinesiology (Sport Pedagogy); Music Education; Secondary Education; Special Education; and Technology Teacher Education. The B.S. in Elementary Education may be completed via distance education. Alternate route, initial licensure programs include the Master of Arts in Teaching-Secondary and the Master of Arts in Teaching-Middle Level Education.

At the advanced level, the unit offers M.S. degrees in Elementary Education, Technology, Kinesiology (Sports Pedagogy), Secondary Education, and Special Education; an Ed.S. degree in Education; and the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. Programs for other school professionals include M.S. degrees in Counselor Education, Educational Psychology, and School Administration; an Ed.S. degree in Education; and Ph.D. degrees in Counselor Education/Student Counseling and Guidance Services, Educational Psychology, and Elementary/Middle/Secondary Education Administration.

Programs available at MSU-Meridian are B.S. degrees in Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education; M.S. degrees in Counselor Education, Elementary Education, School Administration, and Secondary Education; and an Ed.S. degree in Education.

In addition to being reviewed by NCATE, the unit's programs are reviewed annually by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). The unit has been accredited by NCATE since 1961 and met all MDE Process and Performance Standards in its most recent annual review. Other accrediting bodies include the American Psychological Association, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, the Council on Rehabilitation Education, and the National Association of Schools of Music. All programs in the unit are nationally recognized by their respective specialty professional associations.