

**OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Items**  
**August 18 - 19, 2011**

**EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

21. Approval of Request from Blue Mountain College for Master of Education Program in K-12 Literacy/Reading as Recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development

Background Information:

Blue Mountain College is requesting approval for a Master's degree program in Reading K-12 entitled Literacy/Reading Education. This advanced degree in Literacy/Reading Education is designed to provide teachers with an in-depth knowledge about the literacy/reading process and equip them to use best practices, materials, and strategies in reading/literacy assessment and instruction.

Blue Mountain's proposal incorporates standards from the International Reading Association, National Board and Mississippi K-12 Curriculum Framework for Reading. This proposal was recommended by MDE and by IHL faculty reviewers qualified through their education, specialized expertise, roles in the development and implementation of similar programs and/or teaching related content. This item was approved by the Certification Commission at the July 2011 meeting. All issues have been addressed and approved by the Certification Commission at the July 2011 meeting.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached