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SPECIAL MDE PERFORMANCE AND VISUAL ARTS TEACHER LICENSE

MISSISSIPPI FIVE-YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE
IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PERFORMANCE OR VISUAL ARTS

- DANCE Mississippi Teacher License Code #121
DRAMA Mississippi Teacher License Code #123
MUSIC Mississippi Teacher License Code #125
VISUAL ARTS Mississippi Teacher License Code #127

ONLY Three Basic Steps to Receive a Class A 5 Year Mississippi Teacher License
No School of Education Courses Required

- 1. Have completed your Bachelor's Degree or higher in your approved Performance Arts or Visual Arts Degree Program
2. Have a score of 21 or higher on the ACT Test or have a passing score on the Praxis CORE Test
3. Take and have a qualifying score or higher on the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Test Grades K - 6 Test #5622

Praxis PLT - Grades K-6 (5622): Study Guide & Practice Tests

Praxis PLT - Grades K-6 (5622): Practice & Study Guide Course - Online Video Lessons | Study.com
https://study.com/academy/course/praxis-plt-grades-k-6-practice-study-guide.html

Table with 4 columns: Level, PLT Exam, Test Code, Qualifying Score. Row 1: All K - 12 Areas, PLT: Grades K - 6, 5622, 160

A WORD OF ADVICE: DO NOT take the PLT Test until you have reviewed the Praxis PLT Grades K-6 Study Guide online and have taken several of the Practice Tests!

IMPORTANT HELPFUL INFORMATION

For more information or help on how to apply for the Mississippi Performance Arts Teacher License with the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE), please come to the School of Education Offices, First Floor of the Stuart Irby Building and speak with either Ms. Carol Simmons, Administrative Assistant & Certification Officer (Rm # 104), or Ms. Fran Powell, Graduate School of ED Administrative Assistant (Rm #103). They will be glad to help answer any questions you may have and explain how you make your application online with MDE.

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**FIVE YEAR EDUCATOR LICENSE- PERFORMANCE ARTS\***

**Dance 121 - Drama 123 - Music 125 - Visual Arts 127**

License	Requirements	Validity	Renewal
<p>Class A For dance, drama, music, or visual art(s)</p>	<p><b>EITHER</b></p> <p><b>1. Complete a bachelor's degree program or higher in the performing arts</b></p> <p><b>2. Praxis CORE (Core Academic Skills for Educators) or [a 21 or higher on the ACT]**</b></p> <p><b>3. Praxis: Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>1. Have at least a bachelor's degree</p> <p>2. Praxis CORE (Core Academic Skills for Educators)</p> <p>3. Validate artistic competency by one of the following methods:</p> <p>* Certificate of Completion from a recognized performing arts school, school of fine arts, or conservatory</p> <hr/> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>* A record of inclusion in a regional and/or national competition with a listing of awards or placement in competition</p> <hr/> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>* At least two (2) years of active membership in a performing arts company in the area for which performing arts is being considered</p> <hr/> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>* At least two (2) years of full-time teaching experience in a specific art form at an elementary school, secondary school, performing arts school, school of fine arts conservatory, or college or university</p> <p>4. Praxis: Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)</p>	<p>5 years</p>	<p>Ten (10) continuing education units (CEU's) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Three (3) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Five (5) continuing education units (CEU's) in content or job/skill related area</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Six (6) semester hours in content or job/skill related area</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards process</p>

\*Taken from THE GUIDELINES FO MISSISSIPPI EDUCATOR LICENSURE K-12 – APRIL 2021 – Page: 49

\*\* Confirmed by MDE, the ACT test and score was mistakenly left off.