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ANALYSIS FORM FOR: **290-3-3-.52 Class AA (Sixth-Year Level) Programs for Teaching Fields** (adopted 8-3-2009)

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<b>290-3-3-.52 Class AA (Sixth-Year Level) Programs for Teaching Fields.</b>	XXX	XXX	XXX
<b>(1) Purposes of Class AA Programs for Teaching Fields.</b> The purposes of a Class AA program shall be to prepare educators on the sixth-year level to serve effectively in instructional support positions.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin		
Persons who complete Class AA programs shall have acquired knowledge and skill above the level required for completion of a Class A program.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin See SDE Check Sheet		
<b>(2) Admission to a Class AA Program for Teaching Fields.</b> Requirements for admission shall include a master's-level professional educator certificate in the same teaching field(s) in which the Class AA Professional Educator Certificate is sought, except as prescribed below:	See Requirements published in University Bulletin		
(a) Special circumstances:	XXX	XXX	XXX
1. A teacher with a bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in early childhood education and a master's-level professional educator certificate in reading may be admitted to a Class AA program in early childhood education.	NA		
A teacher with a bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in elementary education and a master's-level professional educator certificate in reading may be admitted to a Class AA program in elementary education.	NA		
2. A teacher with a bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any teaching field and a master's-level professional educator certificate in English for speakers of other languages may be admitted to a Class AA program in the same teaching field for which the teacher holds a bachelor's-level professional educator certificate.	NA		

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3. A teacher with a bachelor's level professional educator certificate in English language arts and a master's level professional educator certificate in reading may be admitted to a Class AA program in English language arts.	NA		
4. A teacher with a master's level professional educator certificate in a teaching field may be admitted to a Class AA program in special education.	NA		
(b) If an individual is admitted to an Alabama Class AA program based on a master's-level professional educator certificate in another state, completes a Class AA program, and subsequently applies for Alabama certification at the Class AA level, then the individual must earn at least a Class A Professional Educator Certificate before applying for Class AA certification.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin See SDE Check Sheet		
<b>(3) Purposes of a Class AA (Sixth-Year Level) Program for Teaching Fields.</b> The essential objective of the Class AA program shall be to extend upward the level of competence of the teacher.	See SDE Check Sheet		
<b>(4) Curriculum of Class AA Programs for Teaching Fields.</b>	XXX	XXX	XXX
The curriculum shall be in work approved by the graduate school or division of the institution as meeting its standards of quality for study at the sixth-year level.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin		
The institution shall be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award education specialist degrees.	See University Bulletin		
(a) A Class AA program for a teaching field must require at least 30 semester hours of graduate credit not used for prior level certification in the same field.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin See SDE Check Sheet		

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1. At least one-third of the program shall consist of teaching field courses.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin See SDE Check Sheet		
2. English language arts, general science, and general social studies programs shall require at least one course in two areas within the broader field.	NA		
(b) Institutions must have and enforce policies that preclude a candidate who took a course for credit in a Class A program from taking the same course for credit in a Class AA program.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin See SDE Check Sheet		
(c) Completion of a Class AA program for a teaching field requires at least 30 semester hours of graduate credit not used for prior level certification in the same field.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin See SDE Check Sheet		
(d) A survey of special education course, if not previously completed.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin See SDE Check Sheet		
<b>(5) Requirements for Class AA Certification in a Teaching Field.</b>	XXX	XXX	XXX
(a) Satisfactory completion of a State-approved program with a minimum GPA of 3.25 on all courses in the Alabama State Board of Education approved teacher education program as verified on an official transcript.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin		
(b) Successful completion of a practicum shall be required for initial certification in a special education teaching field.	See SDE Check Sheet		
(c) A passing score on a comprehensive written assessment documenting mastery of the curriculum of the teacher education program, which may include, but may not be limited to, an oral examination.	See Requirements published in University Bulletin		

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<p>(d) A Class A Professional Educator Certificate in the same teaching field(s) which was used as a basis for admission to the Class AA program, except for areas of special education as provided for in Rule 290-3-3-.52(2)(a).</p>	<p>See Requirements published in University Bulletin</p>		
<p><b>(6) Testing for Class AA Certification for a Teaching Field.</b> At the present time, there is no testing requirement for Class AA certification for teachers except for teachers who earn initial Class AA certification as a collaborative special education teacher (K-6). Such teachers must meet the Praxis II requirements of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Testing Program (APTTP) as a precondition for certification. Additional information is provided in Rule 290-3-3-.01(3).</p>	<p>NA</p>		
<p><b>(7) Special Alternative Certificate.</b> A Special Alternative Certificate (SAC) allows a superintendent or administrator to employ an applicant who is completing requirements for initial Class AA certification in a special education teaching field through a State-approved Class AA program at an Alabama institution. Additional information, including requirements and restrictions, is provided in Rule 290-3-2-.06.</p>	<p>NA</p>		

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