### Requirements for Unconditional Admission to a Gifted Program

The program must meet the requirements in Rule 290-3-3-.42. Initial certification in Gifted is at the Class A level.

Requirements for unconditional admission to the program include at least a valid bachelor’s-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field.

If an individual is unconditionally admitted to an Alabama Class A program based on a valid bachelor’s- or master’s-level professional educator certificate from another state, completes a Class A program, and subsequently applies for Alabama certification at the Class A level, then the individual must hold at least a valid Class B certificate before applying for Class A certification.

### Requirements for Certification for Teachers of Gifted Students

Readiness to serve as a teacher of gifted students shall include:

1. An official transcript from a regionally accredited institution documenting an earned master’s degree.
2. A survey of special education course is required unless that course was taken for prior level certification. [See Rule 290-3-3-.01(51)]. An individual who completed a survey of special education course prior to meeting requirements for unconditional admission to a Class A program July 1, 2017, and thereafter, must take a course focused primarily on one of the following categories: methods of accommodating instruction to meet the needs of students with exceptionalities in inclusive settings, multicultural education, teaching English language learners, rural education, etc.
education, or urban education. A course used to meet this requirement for one level of certification may not be used to meet the requirement for a higher level of certification.

(c) Satisfactory completion of a State-approved program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on all courses in the Alabama State Board of Education approved educator preparation program.

Effective for candidates unconditionally admitted to a Class A Gifted program July 1, 2017, and thereafter, 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 program.

(d) Competence to teach gifted students as demonstrated in a practicum that includes both elementary and secondary grade placements.

(e) A valid Class B Professional Educator Certificate in a teaching field.

(4) **Testing for Certification of Teachers of Gifted Students.** Applicants for initial certification in Gifted through the completion of a Class A program must meet the Praxis requirements of the Alabama Educator Certification Assessment Program (AECAP) as a precondition for certification. Additional information is in Rule 290-3-3-.42(6).

(5) **Interim Employment Certificate.** An Interim Employment Certificate (IEC) allows a superintendent or administrator to employ an applicant who is completing requirements for initial Class A certification in some teaching fields through a State-approved Class A program at an Alabama institution. Additional information, including requirements and restrictions, is provided in the current
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