Education – Curriculum and Instruction
Collection Development Policy

The purpose of the curriculum and instruction collection is to support teaching and research in the field of teacher education, specifically in the areas of elementary education, secondary education, and special education. The Department of Curriculum and Instruction offers a Bachelor of Arts in Education; MAT in Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed in early childhood education, elementary education, literacy education, secondary education, and special education. Specialists and doctoral degrees are offered in elementary education, math education (Ed.D. only), secondary education, and special education. Areas of concentration in secondary education include English, math, science and social studies. The School of Education is accredited by NCATE and the Mississippi Department of Education. SOE affiliates include the Center for Education Research and Evaluation (CERE), Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI), Center for Mathematics and Science Education (CMSE), World Class Teaching Program (WCTP), Mississippi Teacher Corp (MTC), Willie Price Lab School, and others.

The juvenile collection is maintained in support of preservice teachers. Historically, the collection was part of the Library Science Library. It was transferred to the School of Education in 1984, and to the J. D. Williams Library in 1997. The current collection maintains literature and non-fiction appropriate for ages pre-K through high school. The J.D. Williams Library also houses textbooks and additional curricular materials approved by the State of Mississippi and supplied to the library by the School Book Supply Company of Mississippi.

Collection development responsibilities are shared with the departments of Psychology and Communicative Disorders in the areas of child development and language development. Education of English language learners is supported by the TESOL program, which is now in the Department of Modern Languages. Collecting interests overlap with Leadership and Counselor Education.

**Call Numbers:** Principal call numbers include L, LB, LC, BF712-724, HQ768-797, RC569.7-571 and PZ.

**Chronological Period:** The emphasis is on collecting current monographs and serials on practical applications and research in teacher education and special education. Retrospective purchasing is selective.

**Format:** The collection contains print, electronic, audiovisual, and microform materials.