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Mississippi State University Preparing Future Faculty Program
Application for 2025-2026 Program

The Preparing Future Faculty certificate program is a year-long online and face-to-face program to prepare current graduate students for future faculty positions. By completing this program, participants will be well-equipped to navigate the responsibilities of a faculty role, articulate an academic vision, and effectively present themselves during interviews.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, September 5, 2025

Candidates will be notified about selection in PFF no later than September 12, 2025.

1. Personal Information

Name: _____ Net ID: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Academic Information

MSU Major/Discipline: _____ MSU Advisor's Name: _____

Degree: MS PhD Post-Doc Other

Date Started MSU Degree: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Position as of Fall 2025: Graduate Assistant Graduate Teaching Assistant Other

3. Requirement Agreement

Completion of the Preparing Future Faculty Program includes attendance at an Introductory Luncheon, six classes (all on Fridays from 12:00-1:30), and a Final Luncheon. In addition to the six classes and two luncheons, there will be assignments in each of the six modules in Canvas that include reading, writing, and some interaction with your peers. Completion of Online Teaching 101 is also recommended. Please review the calendar below to confirm your availability for this program.



DATE	TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
Friday, September 19 th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Introductory Luncheon	Mitchell Memorial Library Grisham Room
Friday, October 17 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Faculty Roles and Responsibilities	Old Main Room TBA
Friday, October 31 st	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Interviewing for a Faculty Position	Old Main Room TBA
Friday, November 14 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Teaching Portfolio and Philosophy	Old Main Room TBA
Friday, February 6 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Research and Scholarly Activity	Old Main Room TBA
Friday, February 27 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Teaching Observation	Old Main Room TBA
Friday, March 26 th	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lesson Planning	Old Main Room TBA
Friday, April 17 th	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Etiquette Luncheon and Certificate Presentation	Mitchell Memorial Library Grisham Room

*As a note, participants are allowed only one excused absence in the event of an emergency or professional obligation. If they miss more than one event, they will not be eligible for the PFF Certification.

4. Endorsement by Advisor or Graduate Coordinator

Endorsement indicates willingness to attest to candidate's preparedness and availability for the program requirements.

(Advisor/Graduate Coordinator signature)

5. Statement of Interest

Discuss in a few paragraphs (250-400 words) information about your past professional experience, your plans for the future, and the specific nature of the benefits you expect to derive from the program.