

Transform Your Job into a Degree & Teaching Career

Reach University is our nation's only nonprofit university fully dedicated to advancing on-the-job degrees, known as Apprenticeship Degrees. With Reach, school employees can:

- Earn a bachelor's degree without student loan debt.
- Build an extensive community of teacher mentorship and support.
- Become a more effective paraeducator as you train to become a qualified teacher.

Your Reach Liberal Studies Teaching Pathway

Reach's on-the-job Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) program prepares undergrads to earn a debt-free bachelor's degree and prepare to pass Praxis licensure exams and become a classroom-ready teacher.

Step 1: Determine Pathway Based Upon College Credits



Designed for learners with 29 or less nonremedial college units/credits.

8 semesters, 4 phases



Designed for transfers with 30 nonremedial college units/credits.

6 semesters, 3 phases



Designed for associate degree holders across the arts and sciences.

4 semesters, 2 years

Culminates in a debt-free B.A. with a route to teacher licensure through the University of West Alabama or an alt-cert provider of your choice following graduation.





Step 2: Start Your Reach Journey to a Debt-Free B.A.



Foundational Year

- Blends practical application through job-embedded coursework.
- Coursework: Child development, differentiation in the digital age, and ethical practices in education.
- Develops leadership, critical thinking, literacy, and professional ethics skills.



Advanced Year(s)

- Candidates refine their expertise in science and literacy instruction while preparing for corresponding Praxis exams.
- Coursework: Physical science, biology, and evidencebased literacy instruction through a combination of theoretical study and practical placement experience.
- Integrates critical pedagogy with licensure preparation, ensuring readiness for future certification.



Intermediate Year

- Prepares candidates to excel in Praxis II Subject Area Subtests and develop effective instructional strategies.
- Coursework: Historical and mathematical concepts with methods for planning, curriculum design, and reflective practices.
- Equips candidates with the tools to implement best practices in complex educational settings.

Step 3: Take the Steps to Teaching Licensure



Reach's BLS Degree Holders

- Graduate from Reach University. Begin your path to teacher certification with your preferred provider.
- Licensure options include Emergency, Provisional, Interim, Conditional and Alternative Certifications.
- All Alabama-based Reach candidates are eligible to complete licensure through the University of West Alabama. Inquire to learn more.
- Timing to completion varies dependent on selected licensure pathway.



Pass Praxis and state requirements,

Become a Classroom-Ready

& Licensed Teacher!





