SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER K-6/6-12 (MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION)

Application Deadlines
Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are:

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Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

Application Materials Required for the MSE in Special Education Collaborative Teacher K-6/6-12
Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/).
2. Non-refundable $35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any teaching field. All certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems (https://www.aps.gemalto.com/) for directions in completing this process.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Minimum Requirements for the MSE in Special Education Collaborative Teacher K-6/6-12
An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

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Total Hours: 33-45 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

1 If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.

Admission Requirements for the MSE in Special Education Collaborative Teacher K-6/6-12
Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Additional Coursework 3

1 The practicum is required if candidate is seeking initial certification in a special education field K-6 and/or 6-12. Placement will correspond to the areas of initial certification sought through this degree.
SPE 500 Survey Course in Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 Survey of Exceptional Children and Youth (3) was taken at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 Survey of Exceptional Children and Youth (3) has already been taken at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select EED 548 Materials and Methods for the Multicultural Classroom (3) or SPE 532 Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3).

Candidates holding Class B Certification in any teaching field other than Special Education Collaborative Teacher or any area of special education except gifted-talented must take two additional courses in Special Education Collaborative Foundations prior to any other courses in the program.

Graduation and Comprehensive Exam

No comprehensive exam is required for this degree. All students must apply for graduation (http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html) by the given deadline of the semester (http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/) section of this catalog for more information.

Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Special Education Collaborative Teacher K-6/6-12.

Please Note: Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education and are, therefore, subject to periodic revision resulting from changes in State certification requirements. Subsequently, modifications in students’ programs may become necessary. Students in all graduate level teacher education programs must schedule their coursework each semester with approval of their faculty advisors.

Alabama Class A Professional Educator Certification Requirements

Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Students who hold a current certificate in a field other than Special Education Collaborative Teacher must pass the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment prior to certification application for the Class A certificate in Special Education Collaborative Teacher.

2. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions (http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf) on the Teacher Education Services (http://www.jsu.edu/education/tes/) website.

3. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.

4. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.