

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - NUTRITION (MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION)

The graduate concentration in Nutrition at Jacksonville State University is designed to prepare students for advanced study in nutrition and future employment in the field of nutrition and related careers in wellness and corporate fitness. Special attention is also given to knowledge and skills necessary for students preparing for the ISSN Certified Sport Nutrition exam and potentially preparing for a program leading to becoming a Registered Dietitian. The Nutrition program prepares graduates for interaction with both healthy active populations and populations that are affected by chronic diseases (e.g., CVD, diabetes) and the impact of nutritional interventions in these populations.

Application Deadlines

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are one month prior to the start of the semester. If applications are submitted within a month of the start day, the Graduate School will make every effort to process them before the start of the semester. However, there is no guarantee the student will be admitted and able to register for courses.

Application Materials Required for the MSE in Physical Education with a Concentration in Nutrition

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. 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.
5. Official scores for the General Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (<https://www.ets.org/gre/>) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) (<http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/mat.html>) will be required if the undergraduate degree posted GPA is below 2.75.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/>

international-student-applicants/) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Admission Requirements for the MSE in Physical Education with a Concentration in Nutrition

Applicants who meet the general admission requirements to graduate studies are eligible for admission to the MSE Physical Education degree with a concentration in Nutrition (non-professional educator certification). All applications are reviewed by graduate faculty for admission approval into the program.

A degree in Exercise Science, Nutrition, or a closely related field is required for admission into the Nutrition Concentration.

Completion of undergraduate deficiencies may be required to meet program admission.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission requirements:

Unconditional Admission

- Applicants may be eligible for unconditional admission to the program with a GPA on the initial undergraduate degree of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.

Conditional Admission

- Applicants who fail to meet the 2.75 GPA requirement for unconditional admission may be eligible for conditional admission to the program with a GRE mean score equal to or greater than 145 or a MAT score equal to or greater than 375.
- If GRE or MAT scores are required, they must be on file at JSU prior to consideration of program acceptance.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

Minimum Requirements for the MSE in Physical Education - Nutrition

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00. This program does not lead to teacher certification.

Course	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
HPE 537	Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies	3
HPE 540	Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sports Studies	3
HPE 553	Applied Exercise Physiology I	3
HPE 578	Research in Wellness and Sports Studies	3
Nutrition Concentration		
HPE 531 or HPE 554	Clinical Cardiopulmonary Physiology Applied Exercise Physiology II	3
HPE 539	Diet and Performance	3
HPE 590	Directed Studies in Wellness and Sports Studies	3
FCS 536	Advanced Nutritional Therapy	3
FCS 537	Advanced Methods of Nutritional Assessment	3

FCS 538	Critical Issues in Nutrition and Food Science	3
Total Hours		30

30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

Graduation

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 (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.