PHYSICAL EDUCATION P-12
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A
(MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION)

Alternative Class A Programs are for students who completed a non-teaching degree or for students who want to change teaching fields. Completion of the Alternative Class A program leads to the Master’s degree and recommendation for Master’s-level Alabama Class A professional educator certification.

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

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<td>July 1</td>
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Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

Application Materials Required for the Alternative Class A Program MSE with a Major in Physical Education (P-12)

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 $35.00 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.)
   Applicants must hold a 2.00 GPA\(^1\) on the most recent undergraduate degree or a 3.00 GPA on the most recent master’s degree. This GPA must be documented on the official transcript of the degree-granting institution and must be the GPA that was used as the basis for granting the degree.
4. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency:
   - Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.
   - Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
   - International Consultants of Delaware
   - International Education Evaluations, Inc.
   - International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
   - Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.
   - World Education Services
   - Please see the ALSDE website (https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=Other%20Approaches%3a%20Foreign%20CredentialsWorld%20Education%20Services/) for full details.
5. 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.
6. Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation. Once transcripts have been received, applicants must contact Teacher Education Services (http://www.jsu.edu/education/tes/) at (256) 782-5574 for an individual evaluation concerning undergraduate course deficiencies and teacher education program eligibility requirements prior to registration for coursework.

\(^1\) Applicants with below a 2.75 GPA will have additional requirements that will be assessed at the Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation.

Admission Requirements for the Alternative Class A Program MSE with a Major in Physical Education (P-12)

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program.

If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

Minimum Requirements for the Alternative Class A Program MSE with a Major in Physical Education (P-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.

Students not enrolled for a one year period must receive department head approval before continuing coursework in the program and be re-evaluated by Teacher Education Services.

Course Required Courses

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<td>Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sports Studies</td>
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<td>Applied Exercise Physiology I</td>
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ED 595  Internship in Education  3
ED 596  Reflective Practices in Education  3
SPE 500  Survey Course in Special Education  3

Total Hours  42

**42 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

1. Must be taken concurrently with ED 595 Internship in Education (3).
2. Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500 Survey Course in Special Education (3). Students who previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take a state-approved diversity course by advisement.

**Undergraduate Requirements**

12 semester hours of undergraduate coursework in health and physical education to include the following:

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Total Hours  12

**42-54 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

1. Or pass the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment.

**Graduation and Comprehensive Exam**

A comprehensive exam is required for this degree; please see the graduate advisor for full details. 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 Physical Education (P-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. 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 (catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/health-professions-wellness/kinesiology/physical-education-p-12-alternative-class-mse/www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/Alabama%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf) on the Teacher Education Services (http://www.jsu.edu/education/tes/) website.
2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.