

EDUCATION - PHYSICAL EDUCATION P-12 (EDUCATION SPECIALIST)

Application Deadlines

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

Date	Event
July 1	Fall Admission
November 1	Spring Admission
April 1	Summer Admission

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

Application Materials Required for the EdS in Education - Physical Education P-12

Applicants for an Education Specialist (EdS) 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

Applicants will not be considered for admission until all required documents are received by the Graduate School.

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 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. Valid Master's-level professional educator certificate in Physical Education. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check¹. 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). Instructions for completing the background process can be found here (<https://www.jsu.edu/graduate/forms-and-links/student-admissions-forms.html>).
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 (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
- 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 EdS in Education - Physical Education P-12

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

Minimum Requirements for the EdS in Education - Physical Education P-12

An overall GPA of 3.50 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.50.

Any course completed for the master's degree or for master's level professional educator certification may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

Course	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		18-21
EFD 615	Leadership in Education	
EFD 620	Measurement and Evaluation in Education	
EFD 645	Contemporary Challenges in Multicultural Education	
EFD 691	Advanced Research in Education I	
EFD 692	Advanced Research in Education II ¹	
SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education ²	
Any 500 or 600 level course with EIM prefix		
Concentration Requirements		
Select twelve graduate semester hours in physical education courses ³		12
Total Hours		30-33

30-33 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

- ¹ Must be taken in the last semester of enrollment.
- 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).
- ³ By faculty advisement, choose 12 graduate semester hours in physical education courses. Graduate courses selected to meet this concentration requirement must be numbered at the 500 or 600 levels and must have an HPE prefix.

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

Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Education Specialist 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 the Certification Office of the Department of Accreditation, Certification and Partnership Initiatives, CEPS Complex, Pod 4, Room 405, 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.
2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of current program requirements.