

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION P-12 (MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION)

## 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 MSE with a Concentration in (P-12) Physical Education

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.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Physical Education. All certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check<sup>1</sup>. 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 (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

- <sup>1</sup> 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 with a Concentration in (P-12) Physical Education

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

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

## Minimum Requirements for the MSE with a Concentration in (P-12) Physical Education

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.

| Course                                      | Title   | Credits      |
|---|---|--------------|
| <b>Core Requirements</b>                    |   |              |
| 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            |
| <b>P-12 Teacher Education Concentration</b> |   |              |
| HPE 500                                     | Foundations of Health and Physical Education              | 3            |
| HPE 510                                     | Health and Physical Education Curriculum                  | 3            |
| HPE 520                                     | Best Practices in PE                                      | 3            |
| HPE 535                                     | Skill Analysis  | 3            |
| or HPE 583                                  | Perceptual Motor Development                              |              |
| or HPE 502                                  | Sociology of Sport  |              |
| or HPE 554                                  | Applied Exercise Physiology II                            |              |
| HPE 580                                     | Adapted Physical Education                                | 3            |
| HPE 590                                     | Directed Studies in Wellness and Sports Studies           | 3            |
| <b>Special Education Requirement</b>        |   | <b>0-3</b>   |
| SPE 500                                     | Survey Course in Special Education <sup>1</sup>           |              |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                          |   | <b>30-33</b> |

### 30-33 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

- <sup>1</sup> 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 level must take a state-approved diversity course by advisement. However, HPE 537 Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies (3) will meet the requirement.

## 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/](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.

**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 (<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>) on the Teacher Education Services (<http://www.jsu.edu/education/tes/>) website.
2. 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.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.