

SPORT MANAGEMENT - PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION (MASTER OF SCIENCE)

The chief objective of the Master of Science (MS) with a major in Sport Management is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to meet the demands of the job market in the sport industry.

Application Deadlines

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required materials are one month prior to the start of the semester. If applications are submitted within a month of the start date, 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 MS in Sport Management (Professional Educator Certification)

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 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 Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any area of 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 check can be found here (<https://www.jsu.edu/graduate/forms-and-links/student-admissions-forms.html>).
6. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two full years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 setting prior to admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form (<https://www.jsu.edu/graduate/>

[forms-and-links/student-admissions-forms.html](#)). Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form.

- 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.

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 admitted as conditional admission to the program.

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.

Admissions Requirements for the MS in Sport Management (Professional Educator Certification)

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 MS in Sport Management (Professional Educator Certification)

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
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 563	Sport Finance	3
HPE 564	Human Resources Management in Sport	3
HPE 566	Public and Media Relations in Sport	3
HPE 567	Sport Facility Administration and Design	3
HPE 568	Administration of Athletics	3
HPE 576	Sport Marketing	3
HPE 586	Sport Promotion and Event Planning	3
HPE 591	Internship in Sport Management	3
Special Education Requirement		0-3
SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education ¹	
Total Hours		30-33

30-33 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

¹ 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).

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 more information.

Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Sport Management.

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.