

Admission Requirements

Education Specialist (Ed.S)

Physical Education, Special Education, Elementary Education, and Early Childhood Education.

(See separate requirements list for the Ed.S. in Instructional Leadership, School Counseling, and Clinical Mental Health Counseling)

- Official transcripts of all college work, including a degree posted transcript from a regionally accredited college or university.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 for the Master's degree coursework in your teaching field
- A copy of your valid, current Alabama Teaching Certificate reflecting certification in your proposed graduate teaching field on the Class A level.
 - Exception: Collaborative Teaching – these areas may have Class A certification in any teaching field. **Speak with an Advisor about this option.**
- A criminal history background check. Alabama Certification of Teachers Fingerprint Inquiry Clearance. You must first go here <https://aim.alsde.edu> to create an AIM account. Then follow these steps: Be sure you follow the required sequence below.
 - Step 1: Create an AIM Account
 - Step 2: Complete Background Check Registration in AIM
 - Step 3: Create Fieldprint Account
 - Step 4: Complete authorization forms, schedule appointment, and fee payment
 - Step 5: Report for fingerprint appointment