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

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