

EdS in Education

You're ready to transition from teaching your kids a little bit about everything to teaching them a whole lot about one thing. Here, we can help you learn the skills you need to be the specialized teacher you want to be.

To do that, we'll build on your knowledge as an educator as we focus on your specific concentration. Not only will you learn methodology, but you'll have the opportunity to design research and apply it in relevant situations. Your classes will also include Teacher Leadership; Critical Social Issues in American Education and Culture; and American Education: Race, Class, and Gender. Finally, by the time you graduate, you will have had valuable hands-on experiences, including internships, field studies, and practicums, which can be critical to demonstrating the knowledge you've learned. You'll complete internships, field studies, practicums, and more to have every chance to show what kind of expert you've become.

Educational Specialist in Education with a concentration in Secondary Education

The EdS degree leads to recommendation for Class AA Alabama professional educator certification. The program requires 30-33 credit hours for the Secondary Education concentration with content areas in Biology, Chemistry, General Science, Mathematics, Physics, English Language Arts, and General Social Science. A minimum GPA of 3.25 is required for completion of the program and recommendation for certification.

Requirements	Hours
Pedagogy Courses Common to All Concentrations	
EDU 717 Promoting Ethics & Wellness in P-12 Education	3
EDU 718 Student Support Systems in P-12 Education	3
EDU 719 Action Research for Educational Improvement	3
Research Coursework	
EPR 596 Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Educational Research	3
Select one of the following options	3
EPR 608 Introduction to Statistical Methods in Educational Research	
EHS 720 Individual Research in Education	
Survey of Special Education ¹	0-3
ECY 600 Introduction to Exceptional Learner	
Advisor-approved Elective	3
EPR 594 Introduction to Educational Research Design	
EHS 680 National Board Seminar for Secondary Education ²	
500+ level course in Teaching Field	
600+ level Education course	
Teaching Field Courses - Based on Concentration ³	12
Total Hours	30-33

¹ May not be required if previously completed.

² Current National Board Certification may be transferred in to satisfy 3 credit hours.

³ Teaching field courses are based on the concentration and must be advisor-approved 500-level coursework.

Concentration in Secondary Education - Biology, 6-12

Requirements	Hours
Advisor-approved Biology courses at 500+ level	12
Total Hours	12

Concentration in Secondary Education - Chemistry, 6-12

Requirements	Hours
Advisor-approved Chemistry courses at 500+ level	12
Total Hours	12

Concentration in Secondary Education - General Science, 6-12

Requirements	Hours
Advisor-approved Science courses at 500+ level	12
Total Hours	12

Concentration in Secondary Education - Mathematics, 6-12

Requirements	Hours
Advisor-approved Mathematics courses at 500+ level	12
Total Hours	12

Concentration in Secondary Education - Physics, 6-12

Requirements	Hours
Advisor-approved Physics courses at 500+ level	12
Total Hours	12

Concentration in Secondary Education - English Language Arts, 6-12

Requirements	Hours
Advisor-approved courses at the 500+ level in English and another ELA field	12
Total Hours	12

Concentration in Secondary Education - General Social Science, 6-12

Requirements	Hours
Advisor-approved courses at the 500+ level in 2 or more Social Science disciplines	12
Total Hours	12

Education Specialist Degree in Education with a Concentration in Kinesiology

The EdS degree requires a minimum of 30 credit hours for the Kinesiology program. A minimum GPA of 3.25 is required.

Requirements	Hours
Teaching Field	
At least 1/3 of the program shall be teaching field courses (12 hours)	
KIN 649 Advanced Adapted Physical Education & Coaching	3

KIN 715	Advanced Field Experience in Physical Education & Coaching	3
KIN 726	Supervised Research in Physical Education & Coaching	3
KIN 729	Physical Education & Coaching Capstone	3
Survey of Special Education or Elective		3
ECY 600	Introduction to Exceptional Learner ¹ Advisor-Approved Elective ²	
Research Courses		6
Choose 2 of the courses below (total of 6 hours)		
EPR 594	Introduction to Educational Research Design	
EPR 596	Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Educational Research	
EPR 608	Introduction to Statistical Methods in Educational Research	
EPR 609	Statistical Methods and Research in Education: Intermediate	
Education Coursework		
EDU 717	Promoting Ethics & Wellness in P-12 Education	3
EDU 718	Student Support Systems in P-12 Education	3
EDU 719	Action Research for Educational Improvement	3
Total Hours		30

¹ Not required if previously completed

² Advisor-approved elective required if credit is awarded for previously completing special education survey course