

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, ED.S.

The educational specialist program in Elementary Education leads to Class AA Elementary certification.

The Graduate Catalog is published annually. State-approved program checklists may be updated more frequently and are thus likely to provide the most up-to date information about requirements. A current program checklist may be obtained from the program office in 204 Graves Hall. Students should consult their advisors each semester before registering.

Admission Requirements

Admission requires master's level certification in Elementary Education. An applicant who holds both Class B Elementary certification AND Class A Reading is also eligible.

An entrance exam score (at least 300 on the GRE or the 50th percentile or above on the MAT) is needed for regular admission.

Admission requirements for the Graduate School (Admission Criteria) and the College of Education (General Admission) are detailed in earlier sections of this catalog.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Degree Requirements

This course listing applies to those who begin this program June 1, 2017. Candidates earning graduate credit prior to this date may elect to utilize this program. A minimum of 30 hrs of appropriate work beyond the MA degree and the completion of a comprehensive assessment are required for the educational specialist degree. In lieu of a comprehensive exam, candidates will be assessed against the completion of a professional portfolio. Candidates must present a GPA of at least 3.50 on all courses in the program, with no grade below a C.

Code and Title	Hours
Foundations of Professional Studies:	
(Choose one of the following SDE approved diversity courses.) 3	
BEF 503 History Of Amer Educn	
BEF 507 Sociology Of Education	
BEF 534 Multicultural Education	
BEF 575 Found Educn Through Film	
BEF 607 Readings In Soc Of Ed	
BEF 650 Critical Race Theory In Educ	
BEF 667 Multicult Soc Ed Leadershp	
BEF 681 Ethics And Education	
Educational Research: ^{1, 2}	
(Choose ONE from the following.) 3	
BER 540 Statistical Methods In Educ	
BER 600 Quant Research Methods	
BER 603 Survey Research In Educ	
BER 631 Inqry As Interp: Qual I	
BER 550 is required, in addition to another Educ Research choice, IF an evaluation of teaching and learning course was not part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.	
Teaching Field:	
CIE 625 Res Sem Science Curriculum	3
CIE 626 Res Sem Social Studies Curricl	3
CIE 680 Sem In Math Educ Research	3

CRD 690 Advanced Seminar Crd	3
Additional Requirements: 3	
CEE 695 or Practicum	
CIE 620 Design Res Classrm Teach	
or additional research course approved by advisor	
Elective:	
Advisor-approved elective	3
Special Education Coursework:	
SPE 500 is only required if a special education survey course was not part of the undergraduate program or another graduate program.	0-3
Action Research (These courses are offered as the last courses in the program.):	
CEE 687 Topical Research Review	3
CEE 697 Specialist Degree Res (or advisor approved elective)	3
Total Hours	30-33

¹BER 500 Intro Educatn Research or the equivalent is required before beginning the research courses.

²The research courses must be taken before CEE 687 Topical Research Review.

A current program checklist may be obtained from the departmental office in 204 Graves Hall. A maximum of 6 hrs of approved transfer credit (maximum of nine hours from UAB/UAH) may be applied toward the degree.

Certification

The Alabama State Board of Education grants Class AA professional educator certification in Elementary (K-6). To be eligible, candidates must hold appropriate, prerequisite Class A certification and must complete all requirements for the EDS degree as described in this catalog, including a comprehensive assessment. According to Alabama regulations, individuals admitted to a Class AA program based on a professional educator certificate from another state must earn the prerequisite Alabama certification before applying for Alabama Class AA (specialist level) certification.