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The Department of Secondary Education is housed in Alabama A & M’s College of Education, Humanities, and Behavioral Sciences.

Teaching is a highly specialized profession and offers opportunity to stay current by continuing educational programs. Clearly, there is a need for Secondary Education Master Level and Fifth–year Alternative degree programs to prepare candidates to become highly effective and exemplary teacher leaders.
Secondary Education Admission Requirements

- Applicants for the Master’s degree certification programs must be admitted to the School of Graduate Studies and to Teacher Education. Admission to Teacher Education requires the applicant to:
Secondary Education Admission Requirements Continued

- (1) present evidence of having completed a Baccalaureate degree program in a teaching field

- (2) present a copy of a Class B professional educator’s Certificate (regular Master’s program); and

- (3) present transcript(s) showing a baccalaureate degree grade point average of 2.50 or better (on a 4.00 point system).
Master’s Degree in Instructional Leadership

- Applicants for the Master’s degree in Instructional Leadership must have a minimum of three full years of full-time experience in a P–12 setting.

- This program is mainly for teachers who desire to become school administrators.

- Applicants must satisfy Graduate School and Instructional Leadership “state redesign” program admission requirements.
The Alternative 5th Year program is for individuals who do not hold a baccalaureate degree in a teaching field but wish to obtain teacher certification.

The program enables these individuals to acquire the knowledge and skills of an entry-level teacher while at the same time earning a Master’s degree.
Applicants for the Alternative Master’s (5th year) degree program must be admitted to the School Graduate Studies and to Teacher Education.

In addition to the requirements of the Graduate School, admission to Teacher Education requires that the applicant:
- Timely Submission of an application for admission to Teacher Education
- Pass criminal background check
- Passing score on all parts of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Test (APTT); and
(1) complete all undergraduate deficiencies,

(2) pass speech, language and hearing screening,

(3) Have a TB skin test with a negative result

(4) pass all parts of the Alabama Prospective Teacher Test, and

(5) pass the Praxis II in the appropriate area.
Secondary Education Checklists

- There are 12 major programs in the Secondary Education Department.

- These programs have two or more certification levels.

- The Programs are as follow:
Certification Levels include:
- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Year Alternative (Alt. A)
- Specialist (Class AA)
Biology Certification Levels

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Year Alternative (Alt. A)
Business / Marketing Education

- Master (Class A)
- 5th year Alternative (Alt. A)
- Specialist (Class AA)
Chemistry Certification Levels

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th year Alternative (Alt. A)
Career Technology Education

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Year Alternative (Alt. A)
- Specialist (Class AA)
English Language Arts Certification Levels

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th year Alternative (Alt. A)
Family and Consumer Sciences Certification Levels

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Alternative (Alt. A)
- Specialist (Class AA)
General Sciences

- Master (Class A)
- 5th year Alternative (Alt. A)
General Social Sciences

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Alternative (Alt. A)
Mathematics Certification Levels

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Alternative (Alt. A)
- Specialist (Class AA)
Physics Certification Levels

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Alternative (Alt. A)
- Specialist (Class AA)
Technical Education

- Undergraduate (Class B)
- Master (Class A)
- 5th Alternative (Alt. A)
Course Descriptions

- May be found on our website.
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Occupational Outlook HANDBOOK 2010–11, EMPLOYMENT OF Secondary education teachers is expected to increase nationally from 8.7 to 8.9 percent between 2008 and 2018.
Conclusion

- Job opportunities should be excellent due to a large number of expected retirements and fewer applicants for some positions.
- Administrative positions are expected to increase about 8 percent.

In conclusion, if these programs interest you, there is no better place than Alabama A & M

- Lastly, here is the secret to successfully being admitted and completing your program.
Your Attitude and effort + A & M’s Preparation make for high-flying success

- Choose the right university for your graduate study
- Choose to put forth 100% effort
- Choose a positive Attitude
- There will be no limits on

Your Altitude

Are you ready to Soar?
Come Fly with us.