

MASTER'S OF EDUCATION (M.Ed.)
Alternative 5th Year M.Ed. with Class A Certification
Secondary Education – Business Education Program (6-12)
Total hours: 42-45

Introduction

The Alternative 5th Year M.Ed. Program is for one who holds a baccalaureate degree in a teaching field but does not qualify for a Professional Educator's Certificate. The program enables one to acquire the knowledge and skills of an entry-level teacher while at the same time earn a Master's degree and a Class A Alabama Teacher's Certificate. Applicants must meet the same admission requirements as regular admission applicants.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet all requirements for admission to the School of Graduate Studies as well as specific requirements for admission to the Alternative 5th Year M.Ed. Program. Admission to the Alternative 5th Year M.Ed. Program will be based on the following:

Admission to the School of Graduate Studies with an undergraduate GPA of 2.50 or above.
Have a minimum score of 400 on the verbal portion and 400 on the quantitative portion OR an 800 composite score with a minimum of 400 on the verbal portion of the GRE.

Degree Completion Requirements

Candidates for the Alternative Master's degree in Education must (1) make up all undergraduate deficiencies in the teaching field, (2) complete the prescribed courses listed in the state-approved planned degree program and attain an overall grade point average of 3.0, (3) complete an internship, (4) pass the Alabama Prospective Professional Teaching (APPT) test required by the School of Education with a minimum score of 570 on the Praxis II examination, (5) pass a written comprehensive examination on the content of the program required by the School of Education with a score of 75% or better, and (6) obtain a background clearance to determine any criminal history through a fingerprint review conducted by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) prior to issuance of a certificate or license effective July 01, 1997.

Degree Requirements

Candidates for graduate degrees in Education must consult an advisor in the School of Education to develop a degree plan. The advisor must be consulted prior to each registration period for guidance and assistance in completing the planned degree.

The Alternative 5th Year M.Ed. Program requires 15 semester hours in the Foundations of Education, 15 semester hours in the teaching field, 9 semester hours in additional requirements, and 6 semester hours of internship.

Foundations of Professional Studies

FED 501 Social/Psychological and Cultural Foundations of Education (3) OR
FED 521 Foundations of Multicultural Education (3)
FED 503 Introduction to Educational Research 3
SPE 501 Introduction to the Study of Exceptional Individuals 0-3 [40 hour practicum required]
BED 515 Management of Computer Information Systems 3 [40 hour practicum required]

Teaching Field

15 semester hours of advisor-approved courses in Business Education and related areas. At least 1/3 of the program shall be teaching field courses.

Additional Requirements

BED 501 Principles of Teaching Business Subjects 3 [40 hour practicum required]
FED 500 Professional Seminar 3 [40 hour practicum required]
SED 515 Reading in Content Area 3 [40 hour practicum required]

Internship

BED 595 Internship 6.