

**Admissions Policies and Procedures
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
School of Education, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677**

Education Specialist (Ed.S.)

Students applying to the Educational Specialist program in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction should follow the admission policies and procedures outlined in this document. For someone who does not already hold a teaching certificate, completing this graduate degree ***does not*** meet the requirements for eligibility to hold a teaching certificate.

1. Students must be approved for admissions by the C & I Admissions Committee **before** enrolling in course work.
2. Selection will occur once a year as stated in the schedule below:

<u>SEMESTER ENROLLING</u>	<u>APPLICATION DEADLINE</u>
Summer & Fall	April 1

To be considered for admission, **ALL MATERIALS must be on file by the application deadline. If materials are received after scheduled deadlines you will not be admitted into a program until the next semester.*

3. **Materials required to be considered for admission:**

- Verification of National Board of Professional Teaching Certification
OR
Official Copy of one of the exams listed below:
 - **Praxis II - Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)**. **Minimum Score 160.**
Elementary - Test # 0522; Special Education - Test #0522, 0523 or 0524;
Secondary - Test #0524.
 - **Praxis II - Subject Area Exam**

Test Name	Test Code	Minimum Score
Elementary: Elem. Ed.: Curriculum & Instruction, & Assessment	#0016	143
Elementary: Elem. Ed.: Curriculum & Instruction, & Assessment	#0011	166
Special Education (Alternative Route Only)	#0352	147
Special Education: Mild/Moderate K-12 Disabilities	#0353	140
Biology, Biology K-12: Content Knowledge	#0235	158
Chemistry, Chemistry K-12: Content Knowledge	#0245	159
Physics, Physics K-12: Content Knowledge	#0265	147
English, English Lang. K-12, Lit., & Comp.: Content Knowledge	#0041	165
Math, Mathematics K-12: Content Knowledge	#0061	131
Social Studies, Social Studies K-12: Content Knowledge	#0081	151

Praxis scores are sent to the Dean's office in the School of Education. When you receive notification that your scores have been sent call (662) 915-3846.

- A copy of your teaching certificate must be submitted to the department. You must hold or be eligible to hold a Class AA teaching certificate.**

** Eligible to hold means meeting all the requirements for state certification

- A minimum GPA of 3.25 on all previous graduate work
- Two Disposition Assessment Forms completed as indicated on the form.
- Present evidence of two years of teaching or relevant work experience (letter from employer)
- Complete an acceptable writing sample under conditions set forth by the faculty of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction on the first Friday of March.
- Candidates may attempt to complete the writing sample successfully no more than two times.
- Candidates must attend a Graduate Orientation Session during the semester in which they are admitted. Failure to attend one of these sessions will result in de-enrollment from classes.

4. Admission Status

Full Admission Status

- Applicants that meet all requirements as listed above will be admitted in full standing.
- Applicants with a GPA of 3.75 on all previous graduate work, regardless of test scores, may be recommended for full standing with departmental approval, however all applicants who do not hold National Board Certification must take the appropriate test and submit scores to the department.

Conditional Admission Status

- Candidates who do not meet the minimal Educational Specialist Praxis II score levels may be admitted conditionally. To achieve full status students must earn a 3.3 or better GPA on their first 9 hours of graduate course work.
- Conditional admission candidates who fail to meet the conditions of their admission (1 semester for full-time candidates and the first 9 hours of approved graduate credit for part-time candidates) will not be granted full admission.
- Financial aid does not apply to conditional status.

Applicants denied twice for admission to a program in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction based on not meeting the requirements established by the Department of Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Faculty will no longer be considered for admission.