ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, ED.S.

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

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
A minimum of 30 hrs of appropriate work beyond the MA degree and the completion of a comprehensive exam are required for the educational specialist degree. The course of study includes:

- foundations of professional studies, 3 hrs
- educational research, 3 hrs
- teaching field courses, 12 hrs
- action research, 6 hrs
- electives (which may be specified), 6 hrs
- If the special education survey course requirement has not been fulfilled, SPE 500

A list of courses that fulfill these requirements 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.