Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Specialist Degree in Education Concentration in Elementary Education

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Dear Prospective Specialist Degree in Elementary Education Candidate:

Thanks for considering the Specialist Degree in Early Childhood Education Program. Attached, please find detailed information about the thirty-six (36) hour program, as well as the program requirements. Each candidate applying for this program must submit an admission application for the upcoming semester. The admission requirements are listed below.

Admission Requirements:

- A master’s degree from an accredited college or university
- An overall GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale) on the master’s degree.
- Student must hold a valid teaching license: Proof of Class “AA” Educator License.
- A completed Graduate application. (Website and instructions are listed below).
- Three letters of recommendation
- Acceptable evidence of the applicant’s writing ability as determined by the applicant’s writing sample completed under the supervision of the screening committee.
- A successful interview with the Program Screening Committee.
- A satisfactory GRE score

For questions and additional information please contact the advisor listed below or visit the Graduate School’s website. www.jsums.edu, click on Graduate School, click on Apply to Graduate School, create an account, and follow the directions for completing your application.

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We look forward to working with you as you continue your education. Feel free to contact the Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education if you have additional questions.

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Jackson State University  
College of Education & Human Development  
School of Instructional Leadership  
Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education  
Specialist Degree in Elementary Education  
Specialist Degree

Name: ___________________________  J# ___________________  Contact# __________________

Advisor: Dr. Tony Latiker  
Advisor: Dr. Jianjun Yin  
Chair: Dr. Thea H. Williams-Black

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Advisement Conference and signature: ________________________________________________

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Total 36 Hours

Advisement Conference notes and signature: ________________________________________________

*** A minimum of 30 semester hours and a thesis or a minimum of 33 semester hours and a scholarly research project. Required core courses, EDFL 601, EDFL 602, or requirements and/or equivalent course. Electives courses selected in consultation with their advisors.

Note: A student may transfer up to 12 quarter or 9 semester hours earned at an accredited college or university.

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The Graduate School at Jackson State University
Recommendation Form

(Applicants must fill in the top portion of this form before giving it to the person from whom a letter of recommendation is requested).

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________ Date: ________________

Last                      First                      MI

E-mail address: ________________________________________________

Proposed Graduate Program: ___________________________ Degree Sought: __________________

Under the provisions of the Family Education & Privacy Act of 1974, (check one),

( ) I waive my right of access of this letter of recommendation.

( ) I DO NOT waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

(Signature of Applicant)

Please fill out the reference form below and send it to, (check one).

( ) Graduate Admissions Committee or ( ) Graduate Admissions Committee
Department of ____________________________ Department of ____________________________
P.O. Box ____________ P.O. Box ____________
1400 J. R. Lynch Street 3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson State University P. O. Box 23
Jackson, MS 39217 Jackson, MS 39211

or ( ) School of Health Sciences
Department of ________________
P.O. Box ____________
Jackson State University P. O. Box ____________
Jackson, MS 39213

Name of person from whom the recommendation is requested:

To The REQUESTEE: Comments of the applicant's character and ability to carry out advanced graduate research is requested. Compare the applicant to others you have known in this field. If you prefer, you may write a separate letter and attach it to this form.

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Comments: In the space below, please describe in details the applicant’s ability, and comment on his/her potential as graduate student. Please give views on such matters as previous accomplishments, intellectual independence, research interests, capacity for analytical thinking, ability to work with others, ability to organize and express ideas clearly (orally or in writing), drive, and motivation. If you prefer, you may write a separate letter and attach it to form.

I have known the applicant for a period of ____________ years and /or ____________ months as (please check all that apply).

- an undergraduate student
- a graduate student
- research/academic advisor
- department chair
- a research assistant
- other (please specify)
- instructor in ______ class (es)
- other (please specify)

POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESS IN PROGRAM:

- Outstanding
- Above Average
- Questionable
- I recommend the applicant
- I recommend the applicant with reservations
- I do not recommend the applicant

Name: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________

(Please print or type)

Institution: ___________________________  Position: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________  (Street Address)  (City/State)  (Zip Code)

Phone: ___________________________  e-mail: ___________________________

(Include Area Code)

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