Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Master of Science in Elementary Education

#1 in Accountability…#1 in Service…#1 in Teacher Preparation
Dear Prospective Master of Science in Elementary Education Candidate:

Thank you for considering the Master’s of Science in Elementary 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 enrollment in the upcoming semester. The admission requirements are listed below.

Admission Requirements:

- Complete a Graduate Application (website and instructions are listed below).
  Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.5 for conditional admission.
- Proof that the candidate holds a current class ‘A’ Educator’s License or is seeking renewal of the license through attaining college credit hours as deemed necessary by the Mississippi State Department of Education (Copy of class ‘A’ Educator’s License).
- Three recommendation Forms (see attached form).
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

For questions and additional information please contact the advisors 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.

Please contact the following advisors:

Academic Advisors:

Dr. Tony Latiker
Associate Professor
1400 John R. Lynch St.
P.O.Box 18380
Jackson, MS 39217
Phone: (601) 979-0300
Email: tony.latiker@jsums.edu

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.
COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE MASTER’S DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

A minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours are required if the candidate does not do a scholarly paper or project; a minimum of thirty-three (33) semester hours with a scholarly paper or project, a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours with a thesis.

Name: _____________________________   SS # ____________________   Advisor _________________
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Core Courses Required By the Graduate School

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Advisement Conference notes and signature:
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Concentration Courses in Elementary Education

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### Suggested Electives

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**Total 36 Hours**

*Required of students who have not taken EDCI 301: Children’s Literature or equivalent.

** Required of students who have not taken EDCI-204: Career Education for Prospective Teacher or the equivalent.

Students should take elective courses in consultation with their advisors.

A student may transfer up to 12 quarter or 9 semester hours earned at accredited colleges or universities.
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: ___________________________

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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)

( ) or ( ) or ( )

Graduate Admissions Committee
Health Sciences
Department of _____________
Medical Mall
P. O. Box _____________
Woodrow Wilson Drive
1400 John R. Lynch Street.
39213
Jackson State University
Jackson, MS 39217

Graduate Admissions Committee
School of
Department of _____________
Jackson
3825 Ridgewood Road
350
P.O. Box 23
Jackson, MS

39211
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 a graduate student. Please give views on such matter 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 this 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)

Department/ Program: Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education / Master of Science in Elementary Childhood Education.

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