College of Education

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The College of Education (COE), the oldest of the 14 schools and colleges at Florida A&M University, is responsible for regulating and monitoring all teacher education programs at the University, and administers the pre-service and in-service professional education programs for the University. The COE is comprised of 5 academic departments: Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Workforce Education, Physical Education, Educational Leadership and Human Services, and the FAMU K-12 Developmental Research School.

The College has accepted as its mission the development of quality classroom teachers, administrators, and support personnel who can function effectively in multicultural settings and who demonstrate a commitment to improving educational practices.

The College assumes leadership in the selection, guidance, and professional preparation of students who will teach in the elementary and secondary schools of Florida and the nation and provides an excellent foundation for students desiring to continue their educational pursuits.

Students may apply for admission to FAMU by submitting a State University System application. The Selection process includes, but may not be limited to, grades, test scores, educational objectives, pattern of courses completed, past conduct, recommendations and personal records.
FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Applicants seeking admission as beginning freshmen are required to submit a diploma from an accredited high school. Students applying for admission must submit test scores from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Testing (ACT) program.

UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Undergraduate transfer applicants who receive the AA degree from a state university in Florida must meet the same minimum requirements as undergraduate transfers who receive the AA degree from a Florida public community college.

Undergraduate transfer applicants who have not earned the AA degree from a Florida community college or from a state university should refer to the FAMU catalog to review the requirements for admissions.

GRADUATE APPLICANTS

To be granted admission to a degree program, applicants (1) must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education, (2) should have demonstrated potential for successful graduate study, and (3) should have taken the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and made a combined score of at least 1,000 on the verbal and quantitative sections of the GRE, or have earned a “B” average in all work attempted during the junior and senior years while studying for the baccalaureate degree.
The College of Education monitors the admission policies for all undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs. Admission to teacher education is a formal process in which certain criteria must be met, and the “Application for Admission to Teacher Education” must be completed and filed. The process must not be confused with admission to the University or acceptance into certain academic units to take courses. Students are required to take general education courses as required by the State of Florida prior to being officially admitted to a specific teacher education program.

Students seeking admission to any undergraduate teacher education program must meet the following criteria:

- Have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher for the general education component of undergraduate studies; or
- Have completed the requirements for a baccalaureate degree with minimum grade point average of 2.50 or higher;
- Have evidence of passing one of the following:
  - Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) General Knowledge Exam.
  - College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) exemptions are not applicable for admissions
- Have met all “Gordon Rule” requirements;

The “Gordon Rule,” specifies that all state universities require in all baccalaureate degree programs, satisfactory completion of twelve (12) semester hours of English course work in which all students are required to produce written work of at least 24,000 words and completion of six (6) hours of mathematics course work at the level of college algebra or higher. Subsection [3][d] of the rule authorizes alternative plans to the subsection [2] requirements.

- Have a grade of “C” or better in the required courses taken as part of the General Education Preparation Program
- Must successfully complete a pre-admission interview by the College of Education Admissions Committee
- Must complete a criminal background check clearance

NOTICE

Students must be fully admitted to a professional teacher education program and pass all parts of the FTCE prior to internship and graduation.

Florida Statutes require individuals applying for a Florida teaching certificate to be finger printed and to reveal all criminal history record(s) including sealed or expunged record(s). Section 943.0585, F.S.

Students applying for admission to a teacher education program should reveal all criminal history record(s) including sealed or expunged record(s). Students interning in certain school districts will be required to clear a criminal background check prior to interning.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Bachelor Science:
- Pre-kindergarten/Primary Education (Pre-K-3)
- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Physical Education (K-12)
- Secondary Education (6-12)
  - English Education
  - Math Education
  - Social Sciences Education
  - Biology Education
  - Physics Education
  - Chemistry Education
  - Business Education (6-12)
  - Technology Education (6-12)
  - Office Administration (non-teaching degree)

GRADUATE DEGREES

Master of Education
- Master of Science in:
  - Business Education
  - Counselor Education
  - Educational Leadership
  - Elementary Education
  - Physical Education
  - Technology Education
  - Secondary Education

Doctor of Philosophy
- Educational Leadership
DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The Department of Elementary Education’s primary mission is to produce certifiable, qualified and competent teachers; to disseminate knowledge through instruction, publications, demonstrations and participation in community service; to reach out and improve teaching and human services for varied consumer groups; to stimulate social progress and justice through the application of research based findings; to develop educators who can function effectively in multicultural settings; thereby, demonstrating a firm commitment to improving educational practices in diverse settings.

The Departmental programs are designed to provide approximately two years of general education/basic studies, normally completed at the end of the second year. A third and fourth year consisting of professional and specifically prepared courses follow this foundation.

Florida A&M University has led the nation in producing the largest number of African-American teachers amongst historically black colleges and universities. The Elementary Education Department produces the largest amount of teachers in the University. It is one of the largest producers of minority teachers in the nation.

DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AND FOUNDATIONS

The Department of Secondary Education and Foundations does not offer a major at the undergraduate level; undergraduate teacher education programs at the secondary school level are offered through the appropriate departments (primarily in the College of Arts and Sciences) in the respective content areas. State-approved teacher education programs at the secondary level include art, biology, chemistry, economics, English, history, mathematics, music, physics, political science, and social sciences. The student should consult the respective department for additional information.

The Department of Secondary Education and Foundations offers the Master of Science (M.S.) and Master of Education (M.Ed.) degrees, with specialization available in any one of six content areas: biology, chemistry, English, history, mathematics, or physics.

Masters degree programs in Secondary Education are offered for individuals who have met all requirements for professional educator certification in the State of Florida and for individuals who have not met certification requirements.

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION

The Department of Workforce Education provides and administers programs and experiences aimed at meeting the needs of two groups of students: pre-service personnel and in-service personnel. The pre-service programs are designed primarily to prepare persons to enter the chosen field of employment for the first time. The in-service programs are designed primarily for persons who are already employed and who need training or retraining in order to upgrade their professional preparation to maintain their current job or to develop new competencies in order to obtain employment in new jobs.

The department programs prepare persons primarily to teach, coordinate, supervise, and administer career and technical education programs in public and private schools and agencies. The teacher education programs are designed for entry into the field of education; however experiences are available to enhance opportunities for employment in various organizations, including business and industry.

Qualified applicants who meet the minimum requirements for admission to the University and the College of Education may pursue:

1) Baccalaureate degrees in Business Education, Technology Education, and Office Administration, 2) Master’s degrees in Business Education and Technology Education, and 3) Certification in Business Education

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation offers courses leading to the bachelors degree in physical education teaching and coaching. Graduates are prepared for teaching positions in Florida’s K-12 schools. In addition, the Department also offers courses leading to certifications and/or endorsements in the following areas: physical education teaching, sport coaching, dance education, health education, driver and traffic safety education, and aquatic facilities management.

The department offers a master’s degree in physical education teaching and coaching currently with an emphasis in sport and leisure management. Graduates are prepared for employment in the sport business industry.

Masters degree programs in Secondary Education are offered for individuals who have met all requirements for professional educator certification in the State of Florida and for individuals who have not met certification requirements.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Department of Educational Leadership and Human Services provides experiences for a variety of professional careers in educational and non-educational institutions and agencies. Students acquire skills and competencies in the areas of adult education, counselor education, and educational leadership (administration and supervision).

The Counselor Education program offers the Master of Education degree (M.Ed.), and the Master of Science (M.S.) degree, which requires a thesis. The program in educational leadership offers three graduate degrees; the Master of Education degree (M.Ed.), the Master of Science degree (M.S.), which requires a thesis, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), which requires a dissertation.

Through these degree programs, students prepare for leadership positions in schools (Pre-K-12) and institutions of higher education, for educational positions in government and other educational entities, for engaging in counseling/mental health and student personnel work. The programs of study to be pursued at the graduate level are developed on the basis of a graduate student’s interest, background, credentials, and career goals.
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER

Instructional Media Center (IMC), located on the ground floor of Coleman Library, Room 104, offers multimedia, distance learning, audiovisual, and video-conferencing support to faculty, students and staff at Florida A&M University. The Center contains a 32 seat interactive classroom, a faculty development lab, an academic computer lab, and a satellite.

COMPUTER CENTERS

There are several computer laboratories on campus for use by students and faculty. The Instructional Media Center, located in the Coleman Library, has a computer lab for general use. The following schools and colleges have separate labs designed for their enrollees: College of Education, College of Engineering Sciences Technology and Agriculture, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, School of Allied Health Sciences, School of Architecture, School of Business and Industry, School of General Studies, School of Journalism, Media and Graphic Arts, and School of Nursing.

THE CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Center for Academic Success is a part of the College of Education Office of Student Personnel Services. The Center’s primary function is to assist students in preparing for entry into a professional teacher education program and to foster academic performance and professional development through a broad range of services and activities. The Center for Teacher Preparation is located in the Gore Education Center (GEC) Unit B, Room 200.
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT TEACHING

The student teaching program consists of coordinating and placing students in early field/clinical experiences and supervised teaching where the prospective teacher takes increasing responsibility for guiding the learning experiences of a given group of students, or a class, over a period of fourteen (14) consecutive weeks.

The primary purpose of the office of student teaching program is centered on providing prospective teachers with an opportunity for further growth in an ongoing school situation. The cooperating school, in effect, constitutes a laboratory in which theory is merged with practice at four levels of experience: observation, participation, student teaching and participation in out-of-class activities.

FINANCIAL AID

The University’s Office of Student Financial Aid works with students who are in need of financial assistance to attend college.

Student financial aid is awarded according to each individual’s need in relation to college costs. Financial aid awards may include loans, grants, scholarships, or part-time employment.

The primary responsibility of financing a college education must be assumed by the parents and the students. Florida A&M University does not provide all the funds needed to meet college costs. Financial assistance from FAMU should be viewed as supplementary to the efforts of the family. An assessment of parent(s) and/or student(s) ability to contribute towards the student’s educational expenses is made in order that neither the parent, the student, nor the University be required to bear an undue share of the financial responsibility.

When applying for financial aid, a good rule to follow is to apply at least six months prior to the term the student intends to enroll. Financial aid packets and/or applications are available upon request from the Office of Student Financial Aid, Room 101, Foote-Hilyer Administration Center, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL 32307-3200, Telephone: (850) 599-3730, Fax: (850) 561-2730 and Email: finaid@famu.edu.
Florida A&M University

Founded in 1887 as the State Normal College for Colored Students, FAMU is one of the three oldest universities in the State University System. Spread over 419 acres in Tallahassee, the University is a four-year public, coeducational and fully accredited institution of higher learning. With a faculty of 620, FAMU offers 110 undergraduate, 40 graduate and nine Ph.D. degrees.

FAMU has an enrollment of approximately 12,000 and has consistently been one of the national leaders in the recruitment of National Achievement Scholars. In 1992, 1995 and 1997, FAMU was ranked No. 1 in the recruitment of these students, surpassing Harvard, Stanford and other institutions of higher learning.

In 1997 FAMU was selected as the TIME Magazine/Princeton Review "College of the Year." Editors cited innovative programs, rising enrollment, surging SAT scores and the recruitment of National Achievement Scholars as the reasons for the selection. In 2000, Black Issues in Higher Education featured FAMU as the No. 1 producer of African-American baccalaureates in the United States.

Recently, in 2006, Black Enterprise Magazine voted Florida A&M University the No. 1 Historically Black College and University (HBCU), for African American students.

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS CONTACTS

Minority Teacher Education Scholarship ........................................... (850) 599-3691
FAMU Succeed Scholarship (Mathematics, Science, Exceptional Education, and Elementary Education) ................................... (850) 599-3100 or 412-7441
Critical Teacher Shortage Program (Mathematics, Science, Technology Education, and Exceptional Education) .............................. (850) 410-5200
Headstart Development Program (Minority and Non-minority Headstart employees) ....................... (850) 599-3107
The Anne Gayles-Felton Endowed Scholarship .................................. (850) 599-3123
For additional scholarship information contact the College of Education at (850) 599-3482

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Secondary Education ...................................................... 599-3123
Workforce Education ...................................................... 599-3061
Physical Education/Recreation .............................................. 599-3135
Educational Leadership & Human Services ............................. 599-3191
Center for Academic Success .............................................. 599-3620
Office of Student Teaching ................................................ 561-2145
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