It is the mission of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to promote wellness and professional growth through dynamic programs that embrace leadership opportunities, active learning, innovative technology, and research.

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The mission of the College of Education and Professional Studies is to prepare students for successful careers in a variety of professions through innovative teaching methodologies in a learning-centered environment.
Masters of Science in Education with a major in Physical Education

Student may choose one of the three concentrations described below:

**Educational Specialist Degree with a concentration in Physical Education (Ed.S.)**

This program is completely online as it was created to be convenient for practicing physical educators. During the writing and defense of a Problems Paper some students choose to meet with the advisor in person but that is not a requirement. Meetings will normally be arranged to be convenient. A current Class A (5th year) teaching certificate in physical education is required for admission. Completion leads to eligibility for a 6th year teacher certification, also known as a class AA certificate. The program requires 30-31 hours and can normally be completed in one to three years. There is a six year time limit on accepted coursework. Please note, this is NOT a doctoral degree.

**Teacher Education Concentration:** Admission to this program requires clear and renewable teacher certification (Class B certification) in physical education from an accredited institution. Completion of this program leads to eligibility for a Class A teacher certification in physical education (P-12).

**Human Performance Concentration:** Admission to this program requires completion of a fourth-year (Bachelors) degree in Exercise Science or a closely-related field. The graduate concentration in Human Performance is designed to prepare students for advanced study in exercise physiology and future employment in strength and conditioning, adult fitness, and wellness and corporate fitness.

**Nutrition Concentration:** Admission to this program requires completion of a fourth-year (Bachelors) degree in Exercise Science, Nutrition, or a closely related field. The graduate concentration in Nutrition at Jacksonville State University is designed to prepare students for advanced study in nutrition and future employment in the field of nutrition and related careers in wellness and corporate fitness.

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**FAQs**

**What about accreditation?** The university is accredited through SACSCOC and the college is accredited through NCATE.

**How does online learning work?** Courses are conducted via a web based learning management system called Blackboard.

**How long will it take me to finish?** The graduate programs are typically completed in 2 years. Most students tend to take 6 hours a semester, and there are normally a fair number of classes offered in the summer terms.

**What is the cost?** As of 2014 tuition for graduate hours was $439. The graduate programs range from 30-34 hours.

**Is financial aid available?** Yes, many graduate students receive financial aid. http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/