**Admission Requirements**

**Master’s (MA) Non-certification International/Adult Track**

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**

**Contact Information:**
For inquiries about the application process, please contact Ms. Sha’Niethia Johnson Wright (araccot@uab.edu; 205-934-7530).
For academic advising and information, please contact Dr. Susan Spezzini (spezzini@uab.edu; 205-934-8357).

**Important Links**
- English as a Second Language (ESL) program website
- UAB School of Education: Application Deadlines
- Graduate School: Frequently-Asked Questions
- Information Session for Prospective ESL Students

**Requirements for Application to the UAB Graduate School**
These requirements must be completed before you can apply to the UAB Graduate School. The requirements listed below are designed to ensure that you are meeting the Graduate School’s admission requirements.

- Complete a degree-seeking application for admission to the Graduate School via [Apply Yourself](http://www.cogentid.com). In the section entitled INTENDED DEGREE, select the following from a drop-down menu: Education-English as a 2nd Language (MAE)—International/Adult. You must submit this application and pay the application fee (Domestic @ $45.00; International @ $60.00) before the deadline for your anticipated term of enrollment: November 1st for admission to the spring term; April 1st for admission to summer, and July 1st for admission to fall.

- Contact three individuals for providing a recommendation, inform them that they will be receiving a recommendation form by email from the UAB Graduate School, and ask them if they could kindly complete this form online and return it in a timely manner. Include their names and emails on your degree-seeking application. When you submit your degree-seeking application, an electronic recommendation form will automatically be sent to your referees. If your referees prefer to mail a recommendation letter, they should mail it to the following address: UAB School of Education, Office of Student Services, 1720 2nd Avenue South-EB 232, Birmingham, AL 35294-1250.

- Request that one (1) official transcript be sent by each issuing institution to the UAB Graduate School: UAB Graduate School, 1720 2nd Avenue South, LHL G03, Birmingham, AL 35294-0013. You MUST request an official transcript from each college/university that you attended, even if you took only one course at that institution, even if you attended that institution concurrently with high school, and even if your grade from that institution is on the transcript from the institution where you graduated. The transcripts received by the Graduate School will be used for admission purposes. NOTE: If you attended UAB, you do not need to request a transcript from UAB.

- UAB requires several immunizations of first-time graduate students. To learn more about meeting UAB’s immunization requirement, please [click here](http://www.cogentid.com).

**Requirements for Admission to UAB’s Master’s Program for the non-certification International/Adult Track**
These requirements must be completed before you apply to UAB’s Graduate School.

- **Background Clearance.** Information about the required background clearance can be found by [clicking here](http://www.cogentid.com). You should have your fingerprints taken by going to www.cogentid.com/AL and indicate that you need this background clearance for the purpose of admission to a teacher education program. When your background clearance has been processed, you will receive a suitability letter.

- **Admission Exam: MAT or GRE**
  - Access information about the Miller’s Analogy Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE) by [clicking here](http://www.cogentid.com).
  - Have official test score sent to UAB from the MAT (institute code: UAB=1017) or GRE (institute code: UAB= 1856)
  - Obtain a score of at least 388 on the MAT or at least 290 on the GRE (with at least 130 on each section)

- **GPA of 2.5**
  This GPA must appear on the bachelor’s degree transcript.

- **ESL Information Session**
  Attend an ESL Information Session in EB 100 (Mondays at 4:00 pm). Please confirm your attendance: spezzini@uab.edu.
**International Students Only:**

- Have your official TOEFL (or IELTS) test score submitted to UAB (TOEFL Institute Code = 1856) at this address: **UAB Graduate School, 1720 2nd Avenue South, LHL G03, Birmingham, AL 35294-0013.**
- Submit Financial Affidavit of Support: **UAB Graduate School, 1720 2nd Avenue South, LHL G03, Birmingham, AL 35294-0013.**
- Meet all requirements in UAB’s booklet for international students: [https://www.uab.edu/students/international](https://www.uab.edu/students/international)
- If you have attended a university or college outside of the United States, you must have a course-by-course transcript evaluation done by World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) and have it mailed to: **UAB School of Education, Office of Student Services, 1720 2nd Avenue South-EB 232, Birmingham, AL 35294-1250.**

**Requirements to be met during your First Term of Enrollment at UAB**

After you have met all application and admission requirements, you must meet some additional requirements during your first term of enrollment at UAB. Please note that failure to meet these first-term enrollment requirements may mean that you cannot continue in your program. The first-term enrollment requirements in your degree program are as follows:

- **Non-native speakers of English:** If English is not your native language, you must take the Graduate School’s Oral and Written Language Assessments. You must then take the Graduate School’s Academic English courses until reaching Level 3 Oral and Level 4 Writing.

**Important Notes**

- Please remember that it is your responsibility to seek advisement each term. By doing so, you will be assured of taking courses in a logical sequence so that you may graduate in a timely manner. Additionally, frequent advisement will keep you abreast of any changes in state certification requirements. **NOTE: Although advisors and program directors give advice, it is ultimately the responsibility of each candidate to ensure adequate progress towards his/her degree and the corresponding certification.**

- To comply with UAB regulations, candidates must access their UAB email account on a regular basis and they must always use their UAB email address for all official communication. If you encounter difficulties with your email address, please immediately contact ASK-IT (996-5555) or [click here](https://www.uab.edu).