

TEACHING (M.A.T.)

Master of Arts in Teaching

- Concentration: Elementary Education
- Concentration: Secondary Education

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Program Objective

Mississippi is facing a severe problem because of the limited number of highly qualified classroom teachers. The alternate route program provides a mechanism for persons holding bachelor level non-education degrees from an accredited institution to become highly qualified teachers in grades 4-6 elementary education and 7-12 secondary education. A license through the MAT Program may be secured through two methods.

Admission Requirements

1. Complete a Division of Graduate Studies Application packet.
2. Complete MAT program application packet.
3. Applicants must provide proof of State required scores for Praxis CORE (or ACT 21 Score and above) and Praxis II.
4. Applicants must have at least a GPA of 2.75.
5. Applicants will successfully respond to written and oral exercises administered by the Faculty Screening Committee.

Program Requirements

Method I

1. Complete the pre-teaching required courses (6 hours—EDCI 556 SPECL TOPICS IN ECE/ELED and EDFL 581 PRINCIPLES OF MEASUREMENT).
2. After successfully completing the pre-teaching required courses, students must apply through the Center for Teacher Quality for a **Provisional Class "A"** three-year license. Requirements for obtaining this **Class "A" License** are the submission of an official transcript and original PRAXIS CORE and PRAXIS II scores.
3. Secure approved employment as a teacher in a state accredited school district (public, private or charter) and enroll in the Introduction to Teaching Internship courses, which are (EDCI 500 INTRO TO TEACHING INTERNSHIP-A and EDCI 500 INTRO TO TEACHING INTERNSHIP-B) for a total of 6 hours. The professor of the internship courses must approve employment site for purposes of supervision.
4. After successfully completing the internship required courses, students must apply through the Center for Teacher Quality for a **Standard Class "A"** five-year license. Requirements to obtain this **Class "A" License** are the submission of an official transcript and notarized Lawful Presence Verification Form.

Note: Students must successfully complete the pre-teaching courses before enrolling in (EDCI 500 INTRO TO TEACHING INTERNSHIP-A or EDCI 500 INTRO TO TEACHING INTERNSHIP-B).

Method II

1. Successfully complete requirements for Method I.
2. Complete the additional course work (see below-36 hours) and the Graduate Area Comprehensive Exam (GACE) are required for completion of Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree. Once the degree is conferred, the student may apply for a **Standard Class "AA"** license through the Center for Teacher Quality. Requirements to obtain this **Class "AA"** license are submission of an official transcript indicating degree conferral.

Code	Title	Hours
Pre-teaching Core Courses		
EDCI 556	SPECL TOPICS IN ECE/ELED	3
EDFL 581	PRINCIPLES OF MEASUREMENT	3
Professional Core Courses		
SPED 500	SUR OF EXCEP CHILD & YTH	3
EDCI 589	TCH ED PROG & TECHNOLOGY	3
EDCI 568	SEM IN ELE CURR: MOD TRDS & RE	3
EDFL 514	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	3
Internship Courses		
EDCI 500	INTRO TO TEACHING INTERNSHIP (A)	3
EDCI 500	INTRO TO TEACHING INTERNSHIP (B)	3
Elementary Education Concentration Courses		
RE 511		3
RE 512	USG LIT TO TEACH LITERACY SKIL	3
RE 552	MTHDS/MTRLS FOR TEACH ELEM LIT	3
RE 553		3
Or Any Available 500 Level Reading Courses		
Secondary Education Concentration Courses		
RE 507		3
RE 510	TCHING LIT SKILS N CONTNT AREA	3
Or Any Available 500 Level Reading Courses		
Specialization		
Two courses in the designated content area based on Praxis II		6
Total Hours		48

This Program requires thirty-six (36) graduate hours. Prior to enrollment in classes for the degree, please receive appropriate advisement from an advisor in the Office of Master of Arts in Teaching.