

M.A.T. in Elementary Teaching

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education program is designed for non-education majors (those who hold bachelor's degrees in areas other than education) who wish to gain teacher licensure in Mississippi (K-6) and a master's degree concurrently.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 33 Course Requirements

Program Admission Requirements: 1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning 2. Twenty-one (21) ACT (or SAT equivalent) OR achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination OR verification of 3.0 overall GPA on a baccalaureate transcript or on last 60 hours of undergraduate work. 3. Passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment for Elementary (4-6) (Praxis II 5018)

Initial Required Pre-Teaching Coursework* * EDCI 613: Lesson Planning & Assessing Student Learning * EDCI 615: Classroom Facilitation & Management * EDSP 601: Exceptional Students in the K-12 Classroom

Coursework Required to Complete the Program (Must be teacher of record)** * EDRD 655 Early Literacy Instruction 1&2 (6 Credits) * EDRD 602 Reading/Writing Across the Curriculum * EDRD 614 Reading Diagnostics and Interventions * EDEL 610: STEM Methods * EDEL 661: Practicum in Elementary Education * EDEL 661: Practicum in Elementary Education- taken twice * EDRD 605: Action Based Reading Research

Other Academic Requirements

*Requirements for obtaining the three-year alternate route license (4-6) from MDE:

- 1. Complete program admission requirements above.
- 2. Complete nine (9) semester hours pre-teaching course requirements (EDCI 613, EDCI 615, EDSP 601).
- 3. Earn a Passing score on the Foundations of Reading exam.
- 4. Have a valid social security number and provide the Mississippi Department of Education with proof of lawful presence in the US.

**Requirements for obtaining the five-year alternate route license (K-6) from MDE: 1. Meet Three-year Alternate Route requirements above. 2. Obtain a full-time teaching job in a MS public school as teacher of record. 3. Complete all remaining required coursework for the MAT Elementary Education Program.

