

Master of Arts in Teaching Admissions Requirements

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. The MAT program takes new applications continuously, allowing you to begin taking courses at the start of the next available full-term after you have met the Graduate School and MAT program entrance criteria. For fall, spring, summer I, and summer II start dates please check the [UAM academic calendar](#).

Deadlines for Application

While the MAT programs accept applications continuously, it is critical that we receive documentation in a timely manner.

For **FALL** applicants, all documentation for both the university and the MAT program must be received no later than the **August 12** (if this date falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the next business day).

For **Spring** applicants, all documentation both the university and the MAT program must be received no later than **December 15th** (if this date falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the next business day).

For **Summer I** applicants, all documentation both the university and the MAT program must be received no later than **May 25th** (if this date falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the next business day).

For **Summer II** applicants, all documentation both the university and the MAT program must be received no later than **June 25th** (if this date falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the next business day).

Track 1 Admission Requirements

Follow the requirements below for full admission (Track 1) to the MAT (K-6, Middle Level, or Secondary) Program:

Note: If you currently hold a teaching license and/or have completed a student teaching internship at this or any other institution, you are ineligible for admission into the UAM MAT program. If you are switching to UAM's program from another teaching licensure program, you will need to disclose that information and provide a letter of good standing to the UAM Graduate Coordinator.

Out-of-State Candidates: While we welcome any out-of-state candidates, there are some restrictions that apply. If you live out of state, you must have a job as the teacher of record in your intended area of licensure for the duration of your program. The state of Arkansas will not issue a provisional license out-of-state, and we will not place you out-of-state, for any program

requirements. You may hold a teaching position in any Arkansas public school or in an accredited Arkansas charter or private school. Upon completion of the program, you will hold an Arkansas teaching license, which will then need to be converted to your state of residence. It is your responsibility to check with your state's department of education to ensure reciprocity applies to an Arkansas teaching license. If you are a potential out-of-state candidate, please contact the Graduate coordinator directly.

Non-U.S. Citizens: If you are a non-U.S. citizen residing out of country, you are not eligible for the MAT program. If you are living in the U.S., you must meet the qualifications found on the DESE site, in order to be eligible for licensure in the state of AR. These items can be found at this link: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/educator-licensure/licensure-by-reciprocity>

Step 1 for Track 1: Apply to UAM's Admissions Office **Requirements for University Admission:**

- Start the admissions application available [here](#).
- Submit original, sealed transcripts to the UAM admissions office from all previous schools attended. (Not necessary for UAM transcripts). The required minimum undergraduate GPA for admission is 2.7 or a 3.0 in the last 60 hours.

Step 2 for Track 1: Apply to the MAT program **Requirements for Program Admission:**

- **Complete and submit the on-line MAT application available [here](#):**
Applications must be submitted on-line, using this form. Paper copies are not accepted. You must select ONE (1) licensure area for the application.
- **Praxis Scores**
For full admission (Track 1), you must submit passing scores or meet the Alternate Assessment Score on the Praxis Content area exam for which you are seeking licensure.
Note: If you do not have passing scores you can be admitted conditionally (Track 2) see details listed under Conditional (Track 2) admissions.
- **Complete your full background and child maltreatment check**
You MUST have a full background and child maltreatment on file with Arkansas Educator Licensure System. If you start the program on a provisional license, or if you are already working as the teacher of record, paraprofessional, or substitute in a public or charter school, you should have one on file. This is a new Arkansas state law and is required for anyone enrolled in a teacher preparation program. Keep in mind that the Child Maltreatment check can take a few weeks, so please don't delay in getting this completed. Click [here](#) to complete the check.

To pay for your background check click [here](#). The code for UAM is 8800019. To complete your consent form for the background check click [here](#). You should select **Teacher (pre-service)** and select **IHE with EPP: University of Arkansas at Monticello** as employer. Be sure to print your consent form and take it to your LiveScan appointment. Click [here](#) to see the list of LiveScan locations in Arkansas. **All Fingerprinting locations are by appointment only.**

You may go to this site to see if you have a cleared background check on file: [Arkansas Educator Licensure System](#). Just enter your information. These checks are also required, before you can have access to any Arkansas IDEAS training or professional development courses.

Track 2 Admission Requirements

Follow the requirements below for conditional admission (Track 2) to the MAT (K-6, Middle Level, or Secondary) Program:

Conditional admission (Track 2) means you do not meet all the requirements for full admissions (Track 1).

Note: If you currently hold a teaching license and/or have completed a student teaching internship at this or any other institution, you are ineligible for admission into the UAM MAT program. If you are switching to UAM's program from another teaching licensure program, you will need to disclose that information and provide a letter of good standing to the UAM Graduate Coordinator.

Out-of-State Candidates: While we welcome any out-of-state candidates, there are some restrictions that apply. If you live out of state, you must have a job as the teacher of record in your intended area of licensure for the duration of your program. The state of Arkansas will not issue a provisional license out-of-state, and we will not place you out-of-state, for any program requirements. You may hold a teaching position in any Arkansas public school or in an accredited Arkansas charter or private school. Upon completion of the program, you will hold an Arkansas teaching license, which will then need to be converted to your state of residence. It is your responsibility to check with your state's department of education to ensure reciprocity applies to an Arkansas teaching license. If you are a potential out-of-state candidate, please contact the Graduate coordinator directly.

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Step 1 for Track 2: Apply to UAM's Admissions Office

Requirements for University Admission:

- Start the admissions application available [here](#).
- Submit original, sealed transcripts to the UAM admissions office from all previous schools attended. (Not necessary for UAM transcripts). The required minimum undergraduate GPA for admission is 2.7 or a 3.0 in the last 60 hours. **If you do not meet the GPA requirements, you can be admitted for 6 hours and must complete those hours with at least a 3.0 GPA to continue.**

Step 2 for Track 2: Apply to the MAT program

Requirements for Program Admission:

- **Complete and submit the on-line MAT application available [here](#):**
Applications must be submitted on-line, using this form. Paper copies are not accepted. You must select ONE (1) licensure area for the application.
- **Praxis Scores**
Praxis Scores are not needed for conditional admission to Track 2. You must submit passing scores or meet the Alternate Assessment Score on the Praxis Content area exam for which you are seeking licensure before you can be moved to Track 1 and be eligible for a provisional license.
- **Complete your full background and child maltreatment check**
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