

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Master of Arts in Teaching program prepares highly qualified career-changing professionals and recent graduates of higher education to be Arkansas classroom teachers.

The MAT graduate degree program is:

- Designed for individuals without teaching credentials but who have completed a baccalaureate degree and wish to become a teacher expeditiously.
- Intended to assist potential teachers, those having a baccalaureate degree in a content area, to become practicing educators.
- A 30-hour graduate degree program with three tracks: K-6 Elementary, 4-8 Middle Level, and Secondary/K-12.

OR

- A 36-hour graduate degree program for Special Education.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the program online?

The program is 100% online and meets the Arkansas-established guidelines for an online program.

How do I apply? What are the requirements for acceptance into the program?

Admission Requirements:

- An official conferred baccalaureate degree transcript to the office of admissions
- 2.70 GPA overall or 3.0 in the last 60 hours
 - If you do not meet the GPA requirements there could be other options for you. Please contact the Graduate Coordinator for more information.
- Three letters of recommendation

How to Apply:

1. Complete the [Graduate Admissions Application](#) for the university
2. Complete the [M.A.T. Program Application](#)
3. Submit three letters of recommendation to the School of Education

When can I enter the program?

Candidates are accepted in the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

How much will the MAT program cost?

For the most up-to-date information on tuition and fees, please see our [Cost of Attendance](#) page.

What options do I have for licensure in the program?

You may choose one of the following options for licensure:

1. Elementary (K-6)
2. Middle Childhood (grades 4-8) - it is possible to license in up to 4 content areas (math, science, English, and social studies). You must pass the Praxis test for at least 1 of these 4 areas.
3. Secondary (grades 7-12) - The options for secondary licensure include areas like English, Business, Social Studies, Math, Life Science, Physical Science and so forth.
4. K-12 Art, Music, Physical Education, and Foreign Language
5. Special Education (K-12)

What is a provisional license?

A provisional license is a teaching license that allows you to be hired and work as a teacher in Arkansas while you are still in the MAT program and completing the MAT program requirements. For information on the Provisional license, see the [Provisional License](#) Section of this handbook.

Does the UAM School of Education find a job for me?

No. The School of Education will send your name and contact information to area schools and will provide you with information about job openings as the schools notify us. For additional information on securing a teaching position, see the [Steps to Securing a Teaching Position](#) Section of this handbook.

Will this program license me in states other than Arkansas?

No. Every state controls its own licensing requirements. However, once you have a license in Arkansas, you can apply for reciprocity to other states for a transfer of your license.