



# Dewey College of Education & Human Services

## M.A.T. in Teaching Middle Grades/Secondary Education FULL-TIME STUDENT TRACK



Valdosta State University offers a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) initial certification program in either Middle Grades or Secondary Education, with two curriculum tracks. This program is designed for those who obtained an undergraduate degree in majors other than education.

The Full-Time Student track of the M.A.T. is a fifth year program beyond a bachelor's degree and is a full-time program in which candidates may earn a master's degree (M.A.T.) and are eligible for certification at the induction level upon completing the four-semester program and passing the required certification assessments. Cohort groups begin in June or January.

**36**  
CREDIT HOURS

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

*\*All courses are 3 credit hours except MSED 6200 and MSED 6201, which are 5 semester hours and 1 semester hour, respectively.*

- MSED 5000: Content Methods (Fall Semester Only)
- MSED 6000: Communication (Summer Semester Only)
- MSED 6001: Plan for Teaching (Summer Semester Only)
- MSED 6002: Assessment (Spring Semester Only)
- MSED 6003: Differentiation (Fall Semester Only)
- MSED 6004: Content Area Literacy (Summer Semester Only)
- MSED 6005: Foundations/Law/Ethics (Spring or Summer Semester)
- MSED 6100: Apprenticeship (Fall Semester Only)
- \*MSED 6200: Student Teaching (Spring Semester Only)
- \*MSED 6201: Seminar FT Track (Spring Semester Only)
- MSED 6300: Capstone (Spring or Summer Semester)
- RSCH 7100: Research (Fall or Spring or Summer Semester)

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed online application for admission to the Graduate School
- Bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution
- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. Submission of all transcripts.
- For admission by alternative pathway, see [www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/our-programs/mat-msrd-admission-requirements.php](http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/our-programs/mat-msrd-admission-requirements.php)
- Passing scores on the GACE Program Admissions test or exemption by SAT score  $\geq$  of 1000; ACT score  $\geq$ 43; or GRE score  $\geq$ 1030 (before 08/01/2011) or  $\geq$ 297 (on or after 08/01/2011)
- Passing scores on the appropriate GACE Content Assessments
- Completion of all pre-requisite courses noted on transcript evaluation

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## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. How long does it take to complete the M.A.T. of Teaching in Middle Grades/Secondary Education program?

This 11-course, 36 semester hour program can be completed in four consecutive semesters (approximate 16 months) depending upon the number of courses a student is able to successfully complete each semester. For students who are unable to enroll full-time, courses are offered on a set rotation allowing for part-time enrollment.

### 2. What are the content areas that I may seek certification through the MAT Program?

**Middle Grades:** math, science, English language arts, reading or social studies

**Secondary:** English, math, history, political science, biology, chemistry, physics, or earth/space science

### 3. How does the MAT Program work?

The M.A.T. Program operates through cohorts that complete the 36 semester hour program together.

**The M.A.T. Program has two tracks leading to certification and a master's degree.**

**Full-Time Student Track** - This track is for those who hold a bachelor's degree in an area other than education and are not currently teaching on a temporary certificate. This program merges certification and the master's degree program into an intensive field-based program. Candidates are placed in schools for field experiences and student teaching during the day and take classes in the evening. Recommendation for certification occurs upon successful completion of the MAT program and required certification assessments. If a full-time student is hired as a teacher in their content area and acquires a non-renewable certificate for this purpose during the program, the student can shift to the Employed Teachers track.

**Employed Teacher Track** - This track is for those who hold a bachelor's degree in an area other than education and are currently teaching on a temporary certificate. The first year is a certification year, and the

second year is the completion of the master's degree; however, the entire program can be completed in four semesters, if desired. Courses are offered during the evening. Recommendation for certification occurs upon successful completion of the 6 certification courses (21 credit hours) and required certification assessments. The MAT degree is awarded upon successful completion of the remaining 5 program courses (15 credit hours). Those seeking certification only may leave the program after completing the certification requirements.

### 4. What is the schedule?

For those completing the program full-time (four semesters), the schedule includes 3 classes during summer terms, 3 classes during the fall, and 2-3 classes during spring terms (depending on cohort entry). During the first summer term, classes are offered during the June semester and meet 8am-5pm each day. Fall semester includes the methods course and a four-week, full-time apprenticeship experience. Student Teaching occurs during the final spring semester. Two certification courses are offered each summer, fall, and spring so employed teachers can complete the six certification courses in the first year of the program.

### 5. What do M.A.T. participants learn?

M.A.T. participants learn the skills and competencies essential to effective teaching in the middle and secondary school environments. Participants will learn how to manage a classroom, how to plan and differentiate instruction in order to motivate and reach all students, effective teaching and assessment strategies, student characteristics and much more!

### 6. What is the estimated cost for tuition?

The estimated cost is \$13,000\*\* for 4 semesters (36 sem. hrs.).

*\*\*All cost estimates are based on fall, 2019 tuition and fees.*