



## VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

# Dewey College of Education & Human Services



## M.A.T. in Teaching Middle Grades/Secondary Education EMPLOYED TEACHER 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 Employed Teacher track is for those who are currently teaching on a non-renewable (provisional) certificate. It is designed as a two year program; at the end of the first year a candidate may be recommended for initial renewable certification (T-4), and at the end of the second year a candidate may earn a master's degree (M.A.T.) with a T-5 certification.

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## CREDIT HOURS

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

*\*All courses are 3 credit hours except MSED 6020 and MSED 6201 which are 5 semester hours and 1 semester hour, respectively.*

- MSED 6000:** Communication (Summer Semester Only)
- MSED 6001:** Planning for Instruction (Summer Semester Only)
- MSED 6004:** Content Area Literacy (Summer Semester Only)
- MSED 5600:** Content Teaching Methods of Middle Grades or Secondary Education (Fall Semester Only)
- MSED 6003:** Differentiation (Fall Semester Only)
- MSED 6010:** Teaching Internship I (Fall or Spring Semester)
- MSED 6002:** Assessment (Spring Semester Only)
- \*MSED 6020:** Teaching Internship II (Fall or Spring Semester)
- \*MSED 6021:** Seminar Employed track (Fall or Spring Semester)
- MSED 6005:** Foundations/Law/Ethics (Spring Semester)
- MSED 6300:** Capstone (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
- Employed teacher (teaching assignment must match certification identified 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 (approximately 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 continuous basis allowing for part-time enrollment. The majority of the candidates on the employed track take two courses per semester.

#### 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. Program participants take coursework during summer and evenings while they are employed by a school system. They also receive supervision, mentoring, and support from Valdosta State University to help ensure their success.

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

**For Working Teachers** - 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.

**For Full-Time Students** - There is a four (4) semester MAT program that requires evening classes and day time work in the schools during an apprenticeship and an internship. The schedule is: 2 classes in the summer, 4 classes in the fall (including an internship), 4 classes in the spring (including an internship) and 2 classes in the summer.

#### 4. What is the schedule?

The M.A.T. programs begin as cohort programs each June and January. Summer classes are for 5 weeks, 4 days a week, 7 hours a day. Fall and spring classes are in the evening with field experiences and internships embedded in the employed teacher's classroom.

#### 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, 20120 tuition and fees.*