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DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES

**M.A.T in Teaching in 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/induction certificate. It is designed as a two year program; at the end of the first year (18 credit hours) a candidate may be recommended for initial certification at Level 4 after completing all program requirements and passing the GACE at the Induction level or Professional Level, and at the end of the second year (additional 18 credit hours) a candidate may earn a master's degree (M.A.T.) and be eligible to upgrade their certificate to Level 5.

Admission Requirements

- Complete 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.
- Submit to graduate school acceptable scores on MAT or GRE (minimum MAT 375, minimum GRE 750)
- Meet the April 15th deadline

Program of Study

Certification Courses

<p><i>June cohort</i></p> <p>MSED 7001: Plan for Teaching (Summer)</p> <p>MSED 7002: Content Methods (Summer)</p> <p>MSED 7003: MGE & SED School Experiences (Summer)</p> <p>MSED 7005: Teach Internship (Fall)</p> <p>MSED 7004: Reading & Writing for Diverse Populations (Fall)</p> <p>MSED 7006: Teach Internship (Spring)</p>	<p><i>January cohort</i></p> <p>MSED 7002: Content Methods (Spring)</p> <p>MSED 7005: Teach Internship (Spring)</p> <p>MSED 7001: Plan for Teaching (Summer)</p> <p>MSED 7003: MGE & SED School Experiences (Summer)</p> <p>MSED 7004: Reading & Writing for Diverse Populations (Fall)</p> <p>MSED 7006: Teach Internship (Spring)</p>
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Masters Courses (18 hours)

- RSCH 7100: Research
- PSYC 7010: Learning & Assessment
- MSED 7000: Professional Development Seminar I (Fall)
- MSED 7010: Current Trends & Issues (Spring)
- MSED 7650: Teaching Practicum (Spring)
- MSED 7800: Professional Development Seminar II (Spring & Summer)

Total hours required for the degree - 36 semester hours

*Work in course must focus on content of candidate's certification field.

M.A.T. of Teaching in Middle Grades/Secondary Education Employed Teacher Track Frequently Asked Questions

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

This 12-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 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 M.A.T. 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** - The first year is a certification year; the second year is the completion of the master's degree. Classes are at night: for certification there are 2 classes in the summer, 2 classes in the fall (including an internship) and 2 classes in the spring (including an internship).
- 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 of classes?

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 semester 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 motivate and reach all students, effective teaching strategies, student characteristics and learning needs. And much more!

6. What is the estimated cost for tuition?

The estimated cost is \$16,080** for 6 semesters (36 sem. hrs.).

**All cost estimates are based on fall, 2014 tuition and fees.

