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**DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES**

**M.A.T in Teaching in 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 be eligible for an induction certificate (once employed) or a certificate of eligibility (while seeking employment) once all program requirements are met and the GACE has been passed at the Induction or Professional Level. This typically occurs in four semesters. The 36-hour degree program requires three full days in schools during the semester before student teaching and five full days in schools during student teaching. Additionally, students participate in evening classes two or three nights a week. Cohort groups begin in June or January.

**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 application deadline

**Program of Study**

<i>June cohort</i>	<i>January cohort</i>
MSED 7001: Plan for Teaching (Summer)	RSCH 7100: Research (Spring)
MSED 7002: Content Methods (Summer)	MSED 7002: Content Methods (Spring)
MSED 7003: MGE & SED School Experiences (Summer)	MSED 7010: Current Trends & Issues (Spring)
MSED 7004: Reading & Writing for Diverse Populations (Fall)	MSED 7001: Plan for Teaching (Summer)
MSED 7000: Professional Development Seminar I (Fall)	PSYC 7010: Learning & Assessment (Summer)
MSED 7020: Curriculum in MG & SEC (Fall)	MSED 7003: MGE & SED School Experiences (Summer)
MSED 7021: Apprenticeship (Fall)	MSED 7004: Reading & Writing for Diverse Populations (Fall)
MSED 7010: Current Trends & Issues (Spring)	MSED 7000: Professional Development Seminar I (Fall)
MSED 7650: Teaching Practicum (Spring)	MSED 7020: Curriculum in MG & SEC (Fall)
MSED 7040: Evaluation & Assessment (Spring)	MSED 7021: Apprenticeship (Fall)
MSED 7041: Internship (Spring)	MSED 7040: Evaluation & Assessment (Spring)
RSCH 7100: Research (Spring)	MSED 7041: Internship (Spring)
PSYC 7010: Learning & Assessment (Summer)	MSED 7650: Teaching Practicum (Spring)
MSED 7800: Professional Development Seminar II (Summer)	MSED 7800: Professional Development Seminar II (Summer)

**Total hours required for the degree - 36 semester hours**

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

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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 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 full-time student track take nine credit hours 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. The M.A.T. Program has two tracks leading to certification and a master's degree.

- For **Employed Teachers** - The first year is a certification year, and 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. 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.

**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 semesters – classes are in the evening with field experiences, apprenticeships, internships, occurring during the day.

**5. What if I don't have a job teaching?**

There is a four (4) semesters M.A.T. program for full-time day-time candidates. 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.

**6. 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!

**7. What is the estimated cost for tuition?**

The estimated cost is \$16,080\*\* for 4 semesters (36 sem. hrs.).

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

