Teacher Certification
Process and Procedures

The College of Education offers the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
degree or a similar graduate non-degree program option for those who
hold bachelor’s degrees in a related teaching field. The M.A.T. and non-
degree options are available for those in Middle Grades Education,
Special Education, and Secondary Education fields (biology, broad
fields science, business, chemistry, economics, English, family and
consumer sciences, history, geography, mathematics, physics, and
political science), and a P-12 Education field (Spanish education). Those
who hold a bachelor’s degree and are interested in Early Childhood
Education, Health and Physical Education, or Music Education certification
must complete program requirements at the undergraduate level. (See
undergraduate program descriptions in the Undergraduate Catalog (http://
catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/archive/2015-2016/undergraduate) ). For
M.A.T. and all non-degree program options, students must have their
transcripts evaluated by Georgia Southern University’s Certification
Officer and they must meet all Teacher Education Program (TEP)
admission and retention requirements, including an overall GPA of 2.50
or higher on all college course work attempted. If a graduate degree
is sought, all admission requirements for the graduate program must
also be met and admission granted prior to entering Step Two of the
program. See the College of Education’s graduate programs (http://
catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/archive/2015-2016/graduate/education/
#degreeextend) section of this catalog for further information on these
program options.

Candidates in a certification program (degree or non-degree) must be
admitted to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) by the end of Step
One, prior to enrolling in Step Two of the program of study. For non-
degree candidates who seek to enter the M.A.T. program, GRE or MAT
test scores must be submitted and admission granted prior to enrolling in M.A.T.
degree program before enrolling in Step Two. Any M.A.T. program
application submitted by a candidate who is enrolled under non-degree
status will not be considered for admission once the candidate enrolls in
Step Two courses.

Prospective students should contact the College of Education Student
Success Center with questions and go to http://coe.georgiasouthern.edu
for an Application for Evaluation for Initial Teacher Certification. The
completed application should be submitted along with transcripts and
payment of the required fee ($25.00 for the first evaluation and $10.00
for each additional field requested). Allow at least two weeks for the
evaluation process to be completed. Evaluations will be mailed to the
applicant upon completion.

All applicants are expected to meet the criteria for admission to the
Teacher Education Program. Further requirements for alternative
certification students are outlined in the Application for Admission packet
which is mailed out with each completed evaluation.

For students pursuing the certification-only option in Early Childhood
Education or Health and Physical Education, advisement is provided in the
College of Education Student Success Center. Candidates for the M.A.T.
or a graduate non-degree program are advised by graduate program
faculty assigned at the time of admission.

For further information about alternative certification programs and the
transcript evaluation process, please contact:

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