Degree Requirements: 45 Credit Hours

Program Intent and Admission Requirements:
The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) leads to initial teaching certification and a master’s degree for those persons who hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Elementary Education certification (P-5) for candidates who hold a bachelor’s degree. The program of study is designed to meet all content and methods requirements for initial certification in 45 credit hours. Candidates are required to complete supervised field experiences in Georgia schools to meet certification requirements. Two delivery options are available: a hybrid program on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and a fully online program.

Admission Requirements

Regular

1. Hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Present a cumulative 2.50 (4.0 scale) grade point average or higher on all undergraduate and graduate work combined.
3. Submit passing scores on the GACE Program Admission Assessment or be exempt by acceptable SAT, ACT, or GRE scores.
4. Complete the state-required Georgia Educator Ethics--Program Entry (350) assessment. A minimum score is not required.
5. Qualify for a Georgia Pre-Service certificate or Induction Pathway 4 certificate (see Certification section in the Graduate Catalog).
6. Submit a letter of intent that identifies the applicant’s reasons for pursuing graduate study and describes their commitment to explore, acknowledge, and appreciate the home and community culture of their future students, and explains their desire to learn strategies that integrate cultural experiences, values, and understanding into the P-5 teaching and learning environment.
7. One (1) Initial Disposition Assessment. Assessment to be completed by the applicant.
8. Acknowledge “Disclosure and Affirmation” statements that address the Code of Ethics for Educators and the need for tort liability insurance.
9. International applicants and U.S. citizens whose native language is not English must demonstrate competence in English. Applicants must take and pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and post a score of at least 80 (internet-based test, iBT), 213 (computer-based test) or 550 (paper-based test) on the TOEFL. The official TOEFL score may not be more than two years old. Those who do not meet the minimum proficiency standard may be recommended for enrollment in University English courses or for English courses offered by the English Language Program (ELP) on campus prior to admission to the program.
10. Select the delivery option you are applying to: Either (1) the hybrid format that is based on the Armstrong/Savannah campus or (2) the 100% online format.

Other Program Requirements

• Candidates must successfully complete key assessments at each program transition point.
• Candidates must successfully complete all field experiences.

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