

EARLY ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (MAT)



Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Elementary Education

Unit: College of Education and Human Development (<https://louisville.edu/education/>)

Department: Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Education (<https://louisville.edu/education/departments/mise/>)

Program Webpage (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/mat-eee/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): EREDMAT

Program Information

The MAT in Early Elementary Education enables graduate students to earn their initial teaching certificate for grades P-5 in Kentucky. Candidates learn to teach through instruction in pedagogy, child development, special education, gifted education, technology, and diversity. They develop their skills in field experiences in local area schools. The Early Elementary Education program emphasizes meeting the needs of the individual learner using best instructional practices in a standards-based environment. Through coursework and clinical field experiences, teacher education students become critical thinkers who are prepared to meet the demands of 21st-century elementary education.

Admission Requirements

Candidates who meet the following criteria may be eligible to apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching program. Candidates considering an application to the MAT program should contact the MAT admissions counselor (teacher@louisville.edu (<http://louisville.edu/cgi-bin/uofl.mail?teacher>)) prior to applying for admission. Admission is competitive. Candidates who meet minimum academic requirements are not guaranteed admission to the program.

1. Application to Graduate School (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/apply/>). This should be completed three to four weeks prior to the application deadline.
2. Passing Test Scores (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/gre-mat/>)
Please note: when submitting test scores through ETS, use the general University of Louisville code, 1838.
3. Bachelor's Degree from Accredited College or University (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/bachelors/>) with a Minimum 2.75 Grade Point Average (official transcripts (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/transcripts/>) required)

4. Prerequisite Course Requirements (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-eee-prereq/>)
5. Oral Communication (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/oral-comm/>)course
6. Grade of C or higher in ENGL 102 (or equivalent)
7. TOEFL (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/toefl/>)/IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>)/Duolingo (<https://www.duolingo.com/>)
8. Professional Writing Requirements (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/mat-mse-professional-statement/>)
9. Three Letters of Recommendation (<http://louisville.edu/education/degrees/info/lor/>)
10. Acceptable interview.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| EDTP 602 | Exploring Teaching in the Sociopolitical Contexts of P-12 Schools ¹ | 3 |
| ECPY 607 | Learning Theory and Human Growth and Development ¹ | 3 |
| EDTP 501 | General Methods ¹ | 3 |
| The above three courses must be taken prior to any of the next 4 courses | | |
| EDTP 603 | P-5 Language Arts Methods ¹ | 3 |
| EDTP 604 | P-5 Mathematics Methods ¹ | 3 |
| EDTP 605 | Teaching Elementary School Science ¹ | 3 |
| EDTP 606 | P-5 Social Studies Methods ¹ | 3 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| EDTP 615 | Student Teaching in the Elementary Grades (Primary) ¹ | 3 |
| EDTP 616 | Student Teaching in Elementary Grades (Intermediate) ¹ | 3 |
| EDSP 545 | Exceptional Children in the Regular Classroom ¹ | 3 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| EDTP 503 | Developing Cross-Cultural Competence: Teaching Students from Diverse Backgrounds ² | 3 |
| EDTP 580 | Digital Citizenship: Technology and Teaching ² | 3 |
| Total Minimum Hours | | 36 |

Certification Assessment: After Student Teaching: All certification coursework completed with 2.5 cumulative GPA; 2.0 or higher in each student teaching course; Passing scores on required PRAXIS and PLT exams; Positive recommendation from Elementary Program Committee (including assessment of dispositions and final certification teacher performance assessment).

Mid-Point Assessment: Prior to Student Teaching: No lower than 2.0 in each content methods class; all prerequisites met; all courses listed above passed; Positive recommendation from Elementary Program Committee (including assessment of dispositions and mid-program teacher performance assessment). Electronic documentation of 200 hours of diverse and approved field experiences.

Degree Assessment: All program course work with 3.0 cumulative GPA (and no more than a total of two C grades (six (6) credit hours) in degree courses); Positive recommendation from Elementary Program

Committee (including assessment of dispositions and final degree teacher performance assessment).

Praxis Disclaimer: Teacher certification requirements are subject to change. Before registering for certification test(s), please refer to the Education Profession Standards Board (EPSB) website at www.epsb.ky.gov (<http://www.epsb.ky.gov/>) or www.ets.org/praxis (<http://www.ets.org/praxis/>) for current requirements.

Degree Candidacy: Students not enrolled during the semester in which they intend to graduate must register for degree candidacy as outlined in the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/graduate/general-policies-procedures-requirements/#text>).

¹ Course is required for certification

² Can be taken at any point in the program.

The Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Elementary Education (EREDMAT) prepares students to meet the requirements for certification and/or licensure. If you plan to pursue professional licensure or certification you should first determine your state's criteria for examination and licensure to see how/if our program meets those requirements prior to enrollment. We recommend that you also contact your state's licensing board directly to verify that the requirements have not changed recently and to answer any questions especially those regarding additional requirements beyond the degree.

More information about certification or licensure is available at the following website: <https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information> (<https://louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information/>) (you may search by school or by the name of the program then click on 'View Details' to display the information).

For programs with an online option, more information about certification or licensure is available here: <http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us> (<http://louisville.edu/online/About-Us/>) (please scroll down near the bottom of the page and click on the licensing disclosures tab).