

# M.A.T. in Elementary Education

## Description

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education program is designed for non-education majors (those who hold bachelor's degrees in areas other than education) who wish to gain teacher licensure in Mississippi (K-6) and a master's degree concurrently.

### Minimum Total Credit Hours: 33

### Course Requirements

Program Admission Requirements:

1. Bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution of higher learning
2. Twenty-one (21) ACT (or SAT equivalent) OR achieve a qualifying passing score on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination OR verification of 3.0 overall GPA on a baccalaureate transcript or on last 60 hours of undergraduate work.
3. Passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment for Elementary (4-6) (Praxis II 5018)

Initial Required Pre-Teaching Coursework\*

- EDCI 613: Lesson Planning & Assessing Student Learning
- EDCI 615: Classroom Facilitation & Management
- EDSP 601: Exceptional Students in the K-12 Classroom

Coursework Required to Complete the Program (Must be teacher of record)\*\*

- EDRD 655 Early Literacy Instruction 1&2 (6 Credits)
- EDRD 602 Reading/Writing Across the Curriculum
- EDRD 614 Reading Diagnostics and Interventions
- EDEL 610: STEM Methods
- EDEL 661: Practicum in Elementary Education
- EDEL 661: Practicum in Elementary Education- taken twice
- EDRD 605: Action Based Reading Research

### Other Academic Requirements

\*Requirements for obtaining the three-year alternate route license (4-6) from MDE:

1. Complete program admission requirements above.
2. Complete nine (9) semester hours pre-teaching course requirements (EDCI 613, EDCI 615, EDSP 601).
3. Earn a Passing score on the Foundations of Reading exam.
4. Have a valid social security number and provide the Mississippi Department of Education with proof of lawful presence in the US.

\*\*Requirements for obtaining the five-year alternate route license (K-6) from MDE:

1. Meet Three-year Alternate Route requirements above.
2. Obtain a full-time teaching job in a MS public school as teacher of record.
3. Complete all remaining required coursework for the MAT Elementary Education Program.

