





Student Learning Outcomes -The graduate with a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree will use the knowledge and skills obtained in the program to:

1. Deliver essential content of the discipline through engaging, meaningful learning activities aligned to the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate understanding of curriculum implementation and instructional strategies, promoting critical thinking, consistent with current theories on student growth and development.
3. Create a positive classroom environment, conducive to learning, through correct and appropriate communication and instructional strategies.
4. Collect and maintain accurate student data to inform and improve instruction.
5. Monitor and manage student learning through self-assessment, professional collaboration, and by staying current on instructional knowledge to improve student achievement.

The MAT offers several areas of concentration. The Elementary Education, Middle School Education, Secondary Education, and K-12 Education concentrations align with the Alternative Certification Pathway. The Educational Theory concentration does not lead to certification.

Program Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree program must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and submit:

- (a) the online [Graduate Studies application](#) and application fee by July 15th for Fall enrollment or December 1st for Spring enrollment;
- (b) all official transcripts;
- (c) two letters of recommendation from college/university educators and/or supervisors qualified to address your potential for success as a K-12 educator and/or colleagues who are qualified to address your professional skills;
- (d) a written essay responding to the following question:
 - a. Why are you interested in a teaching career?
- (e) a video response to the following question:
 - a. Why are you interested in the MAT program?

Candidates seeking Missouri teacher certification must also apply to the [Alternative Pathways to Certification](#) program and submit a certification plan signed by the Director of Clinical Services and Certification.

