



SARASOTA  
MANATEE

## Master of Arts in Teaching K-6

### Program Overview

The Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) is a program designed to prepare outstanding elementary teachers. Students enter this program after completing baccalaureate degrees in fields other than education. A cohort begins each fall.

Through coursework and supervised field experiences, M.A.T. graduates will enter the teaching profession committed to: Excellence in Teaching and Instructional Leadership; Habits of Personal and Professional Reflection; Advocacy for Children, Their Families, and Equal Access to Educational Opportunities; Life-Long Learning and Continuous Professional Development; The Celebration of Diversity in Classes, Schools, and in our Democratic Society; High Standards of Professional Ethics and Service; and Professional and Personal Integrity and Authenticity.

The University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee and the Sarasota and Manatee school districts have entered into a partnership to insure that students have a uniquely focused experience in the public schools. School sites have been selected for onsite instruction and excellent mentoring. These Professional Development Schools are designed to help our students become highly effective teachers.

The program involves intensive immersion in graduate course work. Students complete the program in an accelerated five-semester plan. *Please note:* The MAT does not accommodate a full-time work schedule; students must be able to attend classes during the day and evening.

This program is academically challenging, and students devote full time to their studies. It is completed as a cohort group in a planned sequence of five semesters and 54 graduate credit hours. Each fall a new cohort begins the program with three semesters of intensive course work. Semester course loads are **11-13 hours** and students must follow the planned schedule which **includes attendance early afternoons and evenings**. During the second fall semester, the students are in public schools with mornings of practicum/field experiences combined with course work the remainder of the week. The final semester of the program is a full-time internship in the schools. In some courses, the cohort is enrolled with education students in other programs.

### Non-degree Students

Applicants may take up to 12 hours of course work as a non-degree seeking student until accepted into the Graduate School. No more than 12 hours of credit can be counted toward the official Master's program.

### Admission Requirements

- Have a bachelor's degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited university, and have earned a "B" (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) average or higher in all work attempted cumulatively or as an upper division student or,
- A graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution with at least a 3.0 GPA for the preceding baccalaureate, or a 3.5 GPA for the graduate degree.
- Passing scores in all sections of the Florida GKT (General Knowledge Test-preferred option), PRAXIS I, or CLAST, if taken before July 1, 2002.

### Graduate Application Instructions

Application information and online forms can be found at: <http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Students/Admissions/grad.php>. Click "Application" and follow steps to apply.

*Applications should include the following:*

- \$30.00 application fee. This fee is required of all applicants, even if you are a USF graduate.
- GRE test scores taken within the last 5 years, if required. You may submit your application without your GRE score, but please include the date you plan to take the test.
- One (1) official transcript from all institutions of higher learning where the applicant has earned a degree; If you are applying while still completing an undergraduate degree, you must submit transcripts of at least six (6) semesters of completed undergraduate work. It is not necessary to send USF transcripts.
- Passing scores in all sections of the General Knowledge Test, PRAXIS I, or CLAST, if taken before July 1, 2002. (Must provide official score report.)
- Personal statement that addresses what you have been doing in your life and what prompted you to want to become an Elementary Education teacher.

### Application Deadline

Fall: June 1

### **Cost of Tuition**

The cost of tuition can be found at: <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/uco/cashaccounting/tuition.asp>.

### **M.A.T. Curriculum**

The M.A.T. Curriculum includes study of:

- Children and how they learn, grow and develop.
- The relationship of state and national standards to curriculum, instruction, assessment, and the learning environment.
- Research-based teaching methodologies including differentiated instruction and the brain-compatible classroom.
- Organizing and managing effective classrooms to promote success and learning.
- Factors that influence teacher decision making.
- The contribution of diversity in the classroom.
- Working with parents, and school and community resource personnel.
- Knowledge and skills for Second Language Learners. (Graduates will be eligible for ESOL endorsement.)

### **Required Courses**

#### ***Block 1 - Fall***

MAE 6117 Teaching Elementary Math  
EDE 6326 Planning and Organizing for Instruction in the  
Elementary School  
EDF 6125 Child Development  
EDE 6458 Reflecting on Instructional Decision-Making I

#### ***Block 2 - Spring***

SCE 4310 Teaching Elementary School Science  
SCE 6617 Elementary Social Studies  
EDE 6506 Classroom Management, Safety, Ethics, Law  
TSL 5085 Introduction to ELLs in the Schools  
EDE 6458 Reflecting on Instructional Decision-Making II

#### ***Block 3 - Summer***

EDF 6432 Measurement for Teachers  
LAE 6315 Writing and Writers: Trends and Issues  
LAE 6415 Literature and the Learner  
TSL 5240 Applied Linguistics in Teaching ELLs

#### ***Block 4 - Fall***

RED 6514 The Reading Process in Elementary Grades  
RED 6540 Assessment in Reading  
EDE 6946 Practicum in the Elementary School  
TSL 5086 ELL Literacy  
All FCTE/SAE test(s) must be completed prior to Block 5

***Block 5 - Spring: All courses and exams in Blocks 1-4 must be taken and passed prior to enrolling in Block 5***

EDG 6947 Final Internship  
Comprehensive Exam /Portfolio

**Total: 54 Credit Hours**

\*Note: Changes in certification requirements and/or scheduling may necessitate modification of this plan.

**Transfers:** Only 8 semester hours or 3 courses may be transferred from an out-of-state university. These courses must be approved by the program advisor and faculty advisor.

### **Responsibilities After Admission**

- Must take at least one course during the semester of admission or file for a Deferment of Admission.
- File a Planned Program of Study in the first semester with your Program Advisor
- Obtain and maintain TaskStream account
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA in all graduate coursework taken at USF, even outside your program.
- Complete the program within 5 years.
- Minimum enrollment: You must be enrolled in at least 6 credits per 3 semesters. You must be enrolled in at least 2 hours in the semester you graduate.

### **Contact Information**

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Note: Changes in Florida State Teacher Preparation Programs may result in program changes. Students must closely monitor program requirements. Students are responsible for all information listed in the University graduate catalog.

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