



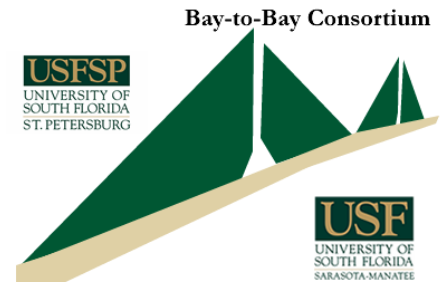
Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Exceptional Student Education (ESE)/ESOL

Program Overview

The Masters of Arts in Teaching Exceptional Student Education (ESE) is specifically designed for individuals who hold Bachelor's Degrees in a field other than Education. This program can be adjusted to allow students who are enrolled in elementary or secondary education to complete the degree and will lead to a Masters of Arts degree in Exceptional Student Education as well as certification in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). The program credit requirement varies from 36 hours to 51 hours depending on the area of specialization of a student's bachelor's degree. This program is specifically designed for those individuals who do not hold a professional certificate in teaching.

The MAT in Special Education is highlighted by:

- An integrated curriculum that is introduced, taught, and mastered in a series of instructional blocks that integrate content in a spiraling manner.
- National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) will be paired with each MAT candidate to provide support, guidance, and resources throughout the program.
- On-line mentoring will provide daily support, ideas and strategies to assist the candidates during the first years of teaching.
- Each MAT candidate is required to conduct research in their classrooms that helps them link theory and practice and encourages an inquiring approach to teaching.
- MAT students will be prepared through their initial block of coursework to complete the Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE).
- Candidates will have the opportunity to teach fulltime while completing the program and receive full teacher pay. Course scheduling will support the candidate to teach full time while enrolled in the MAT program.



Class Meeting Times & Class Schedule

Coursework is offered through a variety of models including face to face meetings, online coursework and blended formats. An accelerated pace allows the MAT candidate to complete the program over 5 semesters. *The ideal term to start this program is in the summer term, although applicants are being accepted for fall and spring terms as well with special advisement.*

Non-degree Seeking Entry

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

Admission Requirements

- Successful completion of all portions of the General Knowledge Test (GKT), the CLAST if taken prior to July 1, 2002, or the Praxis I, or a GRE score of 1000. The GKT is recommended if none have been taken, AND
- Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA for their 4-year undergraduate degree, AND
- A GPA of 3.0 or greater for the last 2 years of their undergraduate degree OR
- A score of 1000 or greater on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

Graduate Application Instructions

Application instructions can be found at this link: <http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Students/Admissions/grad.php>
Click "Application" and follow steps to apply. *Although USFSP will be your home campus, you can apply online for the MAT Exceptional Education at our link above.*

Applications should include the following:

- \$30.00 application fee. This fee is required of all applicants.
- 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.
- All of the supportive documentation indicated in Admission Requirements above.

Application Deadlines

Fall: June 1 • Spring: October 15 • Summer: March 1

Cost of the Program

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

Required Courses for Full Time Teachers:

Summer: 10 hours

EEX 6051 Creating Positive Learning Environments (6 hrs.) offered summer only

FLE 5345 Teaching ELLs K-12 (3 hrs.) offered every semester

EDG 4012 Standards Based Education (1 hr.) offered every semester

Fall: 10 hours

EEX 6224 Developing Individualized Programs (6 hrs.) offered fall only

EDF 6931 (6125,6120) Child Development (3 hrs.) offered every semester

Spring: 9 hours

EEX 6247 Implementing & Evaluating Programs (6 hrs.) offered spring only

FLE 5145 Language Principles, Acquisition & Teaching (3 hrs.) offered every semester

Summer: 7 hours

EDF 6432 Foundations of Measurement (3 hrs.) offered every semester

EDG 6931 Foundations of Differential Reading (3 hrs.) offered summer only

FLE 5940 ESOL III Practicum (1 hr.) district employees only (60 hrs. of student teaching coordinated by the ESOL program)

Fall: 9 hours

RED 6544 Cognition, Comprehension & Content (3 hrs.) offered fall only

EDG 4909 Math for All Students (sub. For RDG 6931 Elem. Math Methods) (3 hrs.) offered fall & spring

RED 6540 Assessment in Literacy (3 hrs.) offered fall only

Spring: 6 hrs.

EDG 6947 Internship and Classroom Research (6 hrs.) offered fall and spring

For detailed sequencing and pre-requisite requirements, visit this site: <http://stpete.usf.edu/coe/Graduate-ExceptionalStudentEducation.htm> or email Dr. Kim Stoddard, MAT ESE faculty program advisor at Stoddard@mail.usf.edu

** 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.*

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

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