

SPECIAL EDUCATION (MAT) - GENERAL CURRICULUM

Program Overview

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Special Education degree is designed for individuals holding a bachelor's degree in a non-teaching field who wish to obtain a teaching certificate and master's degree in special education. The MAT provides professional and pedagogical studies that develop proficiency in the knowledge, skills, and habits of beginning teachers in one of three concentrations (i.e., general curriculum, autism, or dyslexia/reading).

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission for an educator licensure upgrade to the T-5 level. Completion of the autism concentration provides eligibility for the Georgia add-on autism endorsement. Completion of the dyslexia/reading concentration provides eligibility for the Georgia add-on dyslexia and reading endorsements.

Career Opportunities

Successful completion of the M.A.T. program and passing scores on the appropriate Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) basic skills and content tests allow the candidate to be recommended to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission for teacher certification at the T-5 level (i.e., the letter "T" indicates that the certificate is in a teaching field and the number "5" indicates that the candidate's highest degree is a master's degree recognized by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission).