Secondary Education (SEED)

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Degrees Conferred:  
M.A.T. in Teacher Education (SEED)

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Teacher Education, M.A.T.

Students seeking admission to the Master of Arts in Teacher Education Program at the University of Arkansas must be aware of the deadlines and admissions policies. Once all admission requirements are met by each candidate, a committee will review all applications and notify accepted and denied candidates by April 1. Each of the five content areas (English and Speech/Drama, foreign languages, mathematics, science and social studies) has a maximum number of 12 students admitted each year and up to 60 students in the overall program. If spaces remain in a particular content area and the overall program capacity has not yet been met by April 1, admissions for that area will be considered on a rolling basis until the beginning of the first summer session. These deadlines and limitations are designed to ensure that all students have a high quality experience and reflect current need for teachers in any particular content area.

To apply for admission to the Master of Arts in Teaching program in Teacher Education, you must:

1. Complete an appropriate undergraduate degree program (see pre-M.A.T. transcript evaluation for additional requirements for area of licensure).
2. Check with your content specialist for any additional courses required for licensure in your area.
3. Hold a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of the completed undergraduate degree.
4. Complete the application for teacher education through the Teacher Education Office by October 1 (see the Teacher Education Application Fee (https://forms.coehp.uark.edu/start?form=teaching)). This includes passing the Praxis I exam and successfully completing the required criminal background check.
5. File an application for admission to the Graduate School by December 30.
6. Pass Praxis CORE exam before admission to the program.
7. Upload three letters of recommendation before the interview in February to the Graduate School.
8. Successfully complete the required criminal background check. Background check materials must be submitted by the admission interview.
9. Provide scores on the Praxis II Content Area test for admission to the program; foreign language students must also provide scores for the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) for admission to the program.
10. Schedule and complete an admission screening interview with a portfolio in February.

At the time of the interview, candidates must have a GPA of 3.0 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework, have passed the PRAXIS CORE exam, submitted three letters of reference, taken the Praxis II Content Area test and the OPI for foreign language students, and submitted a portfolio.

Once the program has received all application materials from the Graduate School, an admission decision will be made based on the criteria described in the admissions policy statement. The probationary status will include the content specific courses of the spring semester term. The number admitted into specific teaching fields will be determined by both availability of internship spaces in the public schools with Cohort Partnership agreements and job market potential. However, meeting or exceeding minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the M.A.T.

At the completion of the first 9 hours of MAT courses (which are taken in the summer semester), the education faculty will review the status of all students in the program. Students with unsatisfactory performance (grade C or lower) in the summer courses will not be allowed to continue with the remainder of the program.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to master's degrees (http://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/degreerequirements/#mastersdegreetext).

Prerequisites to the M.A.T. Degree Program: Admission requirements for the M.A.T. degree program for initial licensure are as follows:

1. Completion of an appropriate undergraduate degree program with a minimum of 30 hours in the content area.
2. Cumulative GPA of 3.00 in the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate degree
3. Admission to the Graduate School
4. Admission to the Teacher Education Program.
5. Completion of the pre-education requirements with a minimum of “C” in all courses.
6. Completion of all prerequisite courses in teaching field.
7. Pass Praxis CORE.
8. Take Praxis II content test(s) by February for the admission interview; foreign language must take the OPI.

Requirements for the Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Teacher Education: (Minimum 33-34 hours.)

1. Computer competencies will be demonstrated by the candidate in the admission interview portfolio or by taking an approved course.
2. CIED 4131 Practicum for Secondary and Multilevel Tracks in Education (Sp, Su). Candidates for the M.A.T. Teacher Education program will register for this course. The requirement for this course is 60 hours of experience with children in grades K through 12. A minimum of 30 of these hours will be in a secondary school with the remaining hours in other youth settings. These hours must be documented by the appropriate organization.
3. Students will take CIED 3023 Survey of Exceptionalities (Sp, Su, Fa) or CIED 4023 Teaching in Inclusive Secondary Settings (Su). CIED 4023 is the preferred course.

4. Students in French, German, and Spanish will take CIED 4013 Capstone Course for Foreign Language Licensure (Sp). Students will compile a portfolio in the target language with several pieces of evidence from their content classes. In addition, students must obtain a minimum passing score of Intermediate High on the Oral Proficiency Interview prior to admission into the fall field experience.

### Concentration in Foreign Language and Speech/Drama

**M.A.T. Courses in Teacher Education-Secondary Education**

**Summer Courses**
- CIED 5223 Learning Theory (Su) 3
- CIED 5333 Curriculum Theory and Development for Educators (Su) 3
- CIED 5553 Social Justice and Multicultural Issues in Education (Su) 3

**Intersession**
- CIED 5022 Classroom Management Concepts (Fa) 2

**Fall Courses**

**Pedagogy**
- CIED 5063 Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Literacies in Education (Fa) 3
- CIED 5263 Assessment, Evaluation, and Practitioner Research (Fa) 3
- CIED 5953 Second Language Assessment (Sp) 3

**Methods I**
Choose one for content area specialty: 3
- CIED 5203 English Language Arts/Speech & Drama Methods of Instruction (Su)
- SEED 5003 Introduction to Teaching Secondary Science (Su)
- SEED 5103 Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies I (Su)
- SEED 5303 Teaching Secondary Mathematics (Su)

**Field Experience**
- CIED 528V Teaching Experience (Sp, Fa) 3

**Spring Courses**

**Research**
- CIED 5461 Capstone Research Seminar (Sp) 1

**Methods II**
Choose one for content area specialty: 3
- CIED 5213 Issues and Trends in Literacy (Fa)
- SEED 5013 Teaching Secondary Science: Theory to Practice (Fa)
- SEED 5113 Teaching History, Government and Economics (Fa)
- SEED 5313 Theories of Learning Mathematics (Fa)

**Field Experience**
- CIED 528V Teaching Experience (Sp, Fa) 3

Total Hours 33

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### Concentration in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies

**M.A.T. Courses in Teacher Education-Secondary Education**

**Summer Courses**
- CIED 5223 Learning Theory (Su) 3
- CIED 5333 Curriculum Theory and Development for Educators (Su) 3

**Intersession**
- CIED 5553 Social Justice and Multicultural Issues in Education (Su) 3

**Fall Courses**

**Pedagogy**
- CIED 5063 Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Literacies in Education (Fa) 3
- CIED 5263 Assessment, Evaluation, and Practitioner Research (Fa) 3
- CIED 5953 Second Language Assessment (Sp) 3

**Methods I**
Choose one for content area specialty: 3
- CIED 5203 English Language Arts/Speech & Drama Methods of Instruction (Su)
- SEED 5003 Introduction to Teaching Secondary Science (Su)
- SEED 5103 Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies I (Su)
- SEED 5303 Teaching Secondary Mathematics (Su)

**Field Experience**
- CIED 528V Teaching Experience (Sp, Fa) 3

**Spring Courses**

**Research**
- CIED 5461 Capstone Research Seminar (Sp) 1

**Methods II**
Choose one for content area specialty: 3
- CIED 5213 Issues and Trends in Literacy (Fa)
- SEED 5013 Teaching Secondary Science: Theory to Practice (Fa)
- SEED 5113 Teaching History, Government and Economics (Fa)
- SEED 5313 Theories of Learning Mathematics (Fa)

**Field Experience**
- CIED 528V Teaching Experience (Sp, Fa) 3

Total Hours 33

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