Master of Arts in Teaching-Middle (MAT-M) Checklist

The MAT-M is a post-baccalaureate program designed for individuals who are seeking an alternate route to become a highly qualified educator in grades 4-8. The MAT-M program of study consists of 12 graduate level courses that are offered completely online. All participants in the program will receive a 4-6 upper elementary teaching license along with at least one 7-12 endorsement area (i.e. English, math, social studies, PE, or science). Before participants can enroll in the first internship course, they must secure a teaching position in a Mississippi public school as an upper elementary or middle school teacher (grades 4-8) and provide a copy of their employment contract.

Requirements for Enrolling in the MAT-M Program at Mississippi State University:

Please contact Dekota Cheatham with any questions that you may have at 662-325-1376 or by email dba45@msstate.edu

Steps 1-6 must be completed by:

- **December** 1 to be considered for spring admission.
- **May** 1 to be considered for summer admission.
- **August** 1 to be considered for fall admission.

___1. Hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally/nationally-accredited institution of higher learning.

___2. Have a minimum GPA of 2.75 (based on a 4.0 scale) on the last 60 credit hours of baccalaureate work.

___3. Meet the Mississippi score requirements on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators tests (Core) or have a composite ACT score of at least 21 and no sub-score below 18.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Praxis Core (CASE) Area Examination Test Codes</th>
<th>Required Score</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Reading - 5712</td>
<td>156</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Writing - 5722</td>
<td>162</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mathematics - 5732</td>
<td>150</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

___4. Meet the Mississippi score requirements on the Praxis II Elementary Education: Content Knowledge test.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Praxis II Elementary Education: Content Knowledge Area Examination Test Codes</th>
<th>Required Score</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Paper - 0018</td>
<td>163</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer - 5018</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
- Have Praxis Core and Praxis II Elementary Education: Content Knowledge test scores sent to MSU. Applicants should also print a copy of Praxis Core and Praxis II scores from the ETS website for their personal records. **An applicant cannot be considered for admission to MATM until these scores are on file at MSU.**

For information on the Praxis Core and Praxis II tests:

- Praxis Core: [www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/)
- Praxis II: [www.ets.org/praxis/about/praxisii/](http://www.ets.org/praxis/about/praxisii/)
- Call 1-800-772-9476 for a customer service representative for Praxis tests
- Call 662-325-6610 for MSU testing services

---

5. Submit an online application to the Office of the Graduate School at [http://www.grad.msstate.edu](http://www.grad.msstate.edu).

**Guidelines for Completing the Online Application to the MSU Graduate School**

- Go to [www.grad.msstate.edu](http://www.grad.msstate.edu)
- Click on the “Apply Online Now” tab
- Click “Apply Online” for the year/semester in which you will begin taking classes.
- On the next page, create an account with the Graduate School using your email address and a password. If you are currently a student at MSU or a returning applicant, you may log in on the right of the screen using your MSU email address and password.
- Once your account has been created, you will be directed to a home screen. Under the column **App #**, choose “New” to create a new application.
- A new screen will appear. This will be the beginning of your application.
- The first section is: **Admission Information**.
  - Under the first drop down box, choose which semester you plan on beginning classes. (i.e. Spring 2014, Summer 2014, etc).
  - Under **Program of Study**, choose “Master of Arts Teaching Middle/ Middle Level Alternate Route.”
  - Continue to answer the next few questions based on your degree plan.
  - Under which campus to attend, choose “Academic Outreach- Dist. Educ.”
  - Complete the rest of this section.

- Complete sections 2-7, following all directions.
- Complete your **Statement of Purpose** and attach to section 8.
- Supply the names and email addresses for **three letters of recommendation** under section 9. The Graduate School will send emails directly to those people and you will receive confirmation when they have been completed.
- Submit the $60.00 **application fee** under section 11.
- Be sure to **submit** your application when all sections are complete.

*If you begin an application and forget your login and/or password, do not begin another application. Please contact the Office of the Graduate School at 662.325.7400 for assistance.*

The online application must include:

- Three letters of recommendation (from supervisors/employers, professors, or both).
- Statement of purpose (a page or so telling why you chose to apply to the program).
- Official transcripts (for any coursework not completed as MSU).

*** Contact your references shortly after submitting your application to ensure they have received the proper forms.
*** Please note that your application will not be considered until all forms have been submitted, we have received your Praxis scores, and your application fee has been paid.

---

Important Notes:

- Admission packets are forwarded from the Office of the Graduate School to CISE upon completion. CISE faculty uses a committee review process to admit teacher candidates to the MAT-M program. Once a decision has been made, applicants are notified of their admission status.
- Once accepted, it is the responsibility of the student to contact Susan Steward at 662-325-0366 or at Ssteward@colled.msstate.edu within one week of being admitted to the program for advisement on course enrollment.
- For students seeking financial assistance, please note that unclassified and provisionally admitted students are not eligible for financial aid. Aid may be available after full program admission.
- All students admitted to the MAT-M program must complete the CISE Graduate Student Orientation as well as a face-to-face orientation.
- Graduation from the MATM program requires the successful completion of all coursework and passing scores on the comprehensive examination. The comprehensive examination is taken during the last 6 hours of coursework or in the terminal semester. Students in the MATM program will take the Praxis II: Principles of Learning and Teaching examination (code 5623). Do not register for the examination until you have been provided a list of appropriate testing dates.

ETS Praxis II 5018

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2016 Testing Windows</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1/4/16–1/16/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/1/16–2/13/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/7/16–3/19/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/4/16–4/16/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/2/16–5/14/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/30/16–6/11/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7/4/16–7/16/16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/1/16–8/13/16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
MAT-M Required Coursework - 36 Semester Hours

* Most online courses include a nonrefundable distance fee.

EDE 8113 - Middle Level Management and the Young Adolescent (3 credit hours)
Application of theories, methods, and strategies in teaching literacy for the adolescent learner in the middle level classroom.

EPY 8473 - Middle Level Assessment and Evaluation (3 credit hours)
A study of middle level assessment and instructional evaluation for monitoring individual student progress, general effectiveness of instruction, and communicating assessment results.

EDE 8133 - Middle Level Internship I (3 credit hours)
(Prerequisites: Admission to MAT-M. EDE 8113 and EPY 8473). Three hours clinical instruction. First semester of directed teaching in a middle level classroom.

RDG 8133 - Middle Level Content Area Literacy Instruction (3 credit hours)
Theory, research, and methods for teaching middle level students to use literacy as a tool for learning in the content areas.

EDE 8143 - Middle Level Internship II (3 credit hours)
(Prerequisites: EDE 8133). Second semester of directed teaching in a middle level classroom.

EDF 8553 - Research in the Classroom (3 credit hours)
An examination of research methods used by teachers in the classroom setting.

RDG 8123 - Supporting the Middle Level Literacy Learner (3 credit hours)
Planning and adapting instruction for middle level students who struggle with literacy achievement.

EDE 8123 - Foundations for Teaching Middle Level Mathematics (3 credit hours)
The theoretical and pedagogical foundations, issues, and perspectives of teaching middle level mathematics; a standards-based framework for relevant teaching of number and operations.

RDG 8113 - Middle Level Literacy Instruction (3 credit hours)
Application of theories, methods, and strategies in teaching literacy for the adolescent learner in the middle level classroom.

EDE 8153 - Professional Roles of the Middle Level Educator (3 credit hours)
Understanding developmentally responsive middle schools and the professional roles of middle level educators; study of professional roles.

Diversity Elective (e.g. EDX 8173 Special Education in the Regular Classroom or EDS 8623 Principle of Effective Instruction) (3 credit hours)
A content area methods course consistent with the students' content area licensure.