

Master's of Arts in Teaching with Special Education Specialist EC-12 Certification

Department of Teaching, Learning and Educator Preparation

College of Education

The proposed Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with Special Education Specialist EC-12 Certification addresses a critical and growing need for highly qualified special education professionals in Texas schools. The program aligns with state workforce demands, advances the university's mission to prepare effective educators, and responds to increasing expectations for inclusive educational practices that support diverse learners.

Catalog Description:

The MAT allows those holding a bachelor's degree to pursue Special Education teacher certification and a master's degree in just 34-37 semester credit hours. After completing the required coursework, aspiring teachers will have a firm grasp of special education pedagogy and content as well as effective classroom management, general instruction, and approaches to cultural differences and exceptionalities among students in today's classrooms. Graduates will be prepared to enter the education field as leaders who can play an instrumental role in students' lives.

Courses in the Plan:

State Assessment preparation (1 hour)

SPED 5010 Professional Preparation Seminar for Special Educators (already in catalog)

Required MAT Courses (30 hours)

SPED 5030 Survey of Individual Differences

SPED 5131 Educational Assessment of Exceptionalities

SPED 5132 Curricular Approaches to Learning Difficulties

SPED 5233 Providing Positive Behavior Support

SPED 5332 Evaluation, Assessment, and Program Planning for Young Children with Special Needs

SPED 5133 Practicum in Inclusive Education

LLLS 5131 Integrating Language Arts

TCED 5134 Models of teaching

TCED 6031 Application of Technology in the Classroom

SPED 6333 Transdisciplinary and Inclusive Pedagogy

Capstone Experience (3-6 hours)

Clinical Option #1: Traditional Clinical Teaching (one semester)

- [TCED 6733 - Graduate Clinical Teaching](#)

Clinical Option #2: Internship (two semesters)

- [TCED 5739 - MAT Internship II](#)
- [TCED 5738 - MAT Internship I](#)

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