

Master of Arts in Teaching - Elementary Education (MAT)



TEACHING - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The Master of Arts in Teaching - Elementary Education (MAT) at Roger Williams University is a 49-credit graduate degree program leading to certification as a teacher of grades 1-6. The program is standards-based and all learning experiences are guided by the Rhode Island Beginning Teacher Standards. Students may attend the program either full-time or part-time, and may begin study in any term.

Mission of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program

The MAT program at Roger Williams University is designed to provide individuals with the necessary expertise to work as professional elementary school teachers. Our faculty is dedicated to helping our graduate students develop the skills in instructional and assessment techniques that are critical for success in the modern elementary school classroom. Coursework provides an opportunity to explore the historical, philosophical, and social issues associated with teaching and learning, and students will learn to interpret and incorporate research on education issues into their own scholarship. A mix of in-class and practical instruction round out the educational experience.

Curriculum

The program comprises 13 courses clustered into three Curriculum Levels arranged in a developmental sequence: Level 1: Exploring the Profession/Entering the Program; Level 2: Preparing to Teach; Level 3: Performance in the Classroom.

In Level 1, candidates develop a knowledge base and participate in field experiences in two introductory courses essential to successful matriculation in the program. In Level 2, candidates develop expertise in instructional and assessment skills that are critical to their roles as elementary teachers. In Level 3, candidates use the broad based knowledge developed in the first two levels while they prepare to assume and carry out their roles as elementary classroom teachers

Evaluation

All MAT students are evaluated using the Roger Williams University Teacher Education Performance Assessment System. The guiding principles of performance assessment suggest that all students should be appraised on their highest performance in a given area. Therefore, during course work, in the context of real teacher tasks, MAT students are assessed continually as they progress through the program. The Performance Assessment System has three components: (1) The Entry Evidence, (2) the Preparing to Teach Portfolio which includes documentation from university course work, and (3) the Performance in the Classroom Portfolio which documents progress in Practicum and Student Teaching.

Criteria for Admission to the MAT Program

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with a start term of fall, spring, or summer. Applicants must hold an earned bachelor's degree and have attained an overall GPA of 2.50 or greater in undergraduate work.

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To Apply to the MAT Program

Submit the following items to the Office of Graduate Admission:

1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.
2. Personal statement (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your reasons for wanting to become a teacher.
3. Two letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to complete graduate study and to work with children.
4. Resume or curriculum vitae.
5. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results.
6. Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee.

Applicants must also undergo a personal admissions interview. Please contact Lisa Medeiros in the office of the Dean of the School of Education at 401.254.3309 to schedule an appointment.

To Apply to Enroll in a Course as a Non-Matriculated Student

The School of Education does permit students to take up to three courses on a non-matriculated basis. To apply as a non-matriculated student, simply complete the appropriate application form (available from the Office of Graduate Admission or online at <http://admission.rwu.edu/graduate>) and submit it along with a copy of your final undergraduate transcript. The transcript must indicate the date your bachelor's degree was conferred.

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For Questions About Curriculum and Coursework, contact:

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