



Post Baccalaureate Teacher Certification
Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) – West Plains Campus

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The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program allows students to earn Teacher Certification in an area of Secondary Education AND a Master’s degree concurrently.

General Education

All general education requirements are waived for MAT students per the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) rule for Alternative Certification Programs.

Professional Education Coursework

The professional education courses must all be taken at the graduate level, and are strictly sequenced. Everyone who enrolls in the MAT program must start during a summer semester. See back page for suggested course sequencing.

Required for Certification

Table with 3 columns: Course ID, Course Name, and Hours. Includes courses like SFR797, PSY710, RDG710, etc.

Certification: 35 hours

Required for MAT Degree

Table with 3 columns: Course ID, Course Name, and Hours. Includes courses like SFR780, SFR793, EDC786.

Total: 40 hours

Content Area Coursework:

MAT students are also required to complete Content Area coursework. The following Content Areas are offered in the MAT program:

- Art Education (K-12)
Biology – Categorical
Biology – Unified
Business Education
Chemistry – Categorical
Chemistry – Unified
Earth Science – Categorical
Earth Science – Unified
English
Family & Consumer Sciences (Birth – Grade 12)
Mathematics
Music – Instrumental (K - 12)
Music – Vocal/Choral (K - 12)
Physics – Categorical Science
Speech/Theatre
Social Studies
French (K - 12)
German (K - 12)
Latin (K - 12)
Spanish (K - 12)

Please see the Secondary Education Academic Program Guides for Content Area coursework.

Middle School Certification

Middle School Certification can be added to the following Secondary Education programs by also completing the middle school core:

- English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Sciences, Business, Speech/Theatre, Agriculture

Middle School Core:

Table with 3 columns: Course ID, Course Name, and Hours. Includes MID725.

For More Information

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**Recommended MAT Sequence**  
**Missouri State University**  
**West Plains Campus**

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**This is a suggested sequence only. Days and times of each class are subject to change.**

<b>Sequence for Students who are NOT Teaching/working in the first fall semester</b>		<b>Sequence for those who ARE teaching in the first fall semester</b>	
<b>Prior to first summer</b> Complete Content Area Coursework		<b>Prior to first summer</b> Complete Content Area Coursework	
<b>Summer Semester</b> SFR797 (Portfolio Checkpoint 1)		<b>Summer Semester</b> SFR797 (Portfolio Checkpoint 1)	
	9 hours		9 hours
<b>Fall Semester</b> SEC783 (75 hours of practicum, arranged) RDG710 MID725* PSY710		<b>Fall Semester</b> SEC783 (75 hours of practicum, arranged) RDG710 PSY710	
	3 hours 3 hours 3 hours 3 hours		3 hours 3 hours 3 hours
<b>Spring Semester</b> SEC784 (Student Teaching)		<b>Spring Semester</b> SEC784 (Student Teaching) MID725*	
	10 hours		10 hours 3 hours
<b>Summer Semester</b> SEC785 (Arranged) Portfolio Checkpoint 2 IMT662 (Online) SPE715		<b>Summer Semester</b> SEC785 (Arranged) Portfolio Checkpoint 2 IMT662 (Online) SPE715	
	1 hour 3 hours 3 hours		1 hour 3 hours 3 hours
<b>Students will be CERTIFIED at this point if Content Area is also complete</b>		<b>Students will be CERTIFIED at this point if Content Area is also complete</b>	
	<b>35-38 hours</b>		<b>35-38 hours</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b> SFR780		<b>Fall Semester</b> SFR780	
	3 hours		3 hours
<b>Spring Semester</b> EDC786 (Arranged)		<b>Spring Semester</b> EDC786 (Arranged)	
	2 hours		2 hours
<b>Students earn Master's Degree</b>		<b>Students earn Master's Degree</b>	
	<b>40-43 hours Plus Content</b>		<b>40-43 hours Plus Content</b>

\* Required for middle school certification except K-12 programs. Students must complete MID725 prior to completing all certification requirements. Otherwise, additional coursework will be required by DESE to earn middle school certification.