

## PROGRAM MODIFICATION FORM

Undergraduate Curriculum Council

Graduate Council

Modification Type:  Admissions,  Curricular Sequence, or  Other

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**1. Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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**2. Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

NA

Editorial content changes from where admission to the MAT and Admission to Teacher Education has changed and the differences between the 4 Teacher Education MAT tracks.

**3. Effective Date**

F 23 or ASAP

**4. Justification** – *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

Not sure if is the move to the new format, but information is incorrect based on current admission requirements; there is some contradictory information now.

Praxis CORE no longer needed for admission (taken out about 2018)

Praxis content now required FOR admission (2020)

## Bulletin Changes

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# Teaching, Middle Level Initial Licensure, MAT

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## PURPOSE OF THE DEGREE

The purpose of this program is to provide an additional quality pathway to Arkansas teacher licensure for our region and state. Individuals seeking to enter public school teaching with bachelor's degrees are eligible to earn initial licensure through the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree. The MAT includes Teacher Education core courses along with specialized courses to create a Master's Program for initial licensure in Art Education (Grades K-12), Business Technology (Grades 4-12), Elementary (grades K-6) and Middle Level Education (grades 4-8) with a specialty in one content area.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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Pass required admission tests and required subject-specific content examinations (Praxis Content examinations)

Complete the A-State Graduate Admissions application and qualify for graduate admission.

The acceptance of previous graduate work including transfer work is at the discretion of the MAT Program Director.

**Unconditional Admission:** In addition to Graduate Admissions criteria, academic proficiency must be established through satisfaction of the following admissions selection criteria:

Meet admission requirements for Admission to the Teacher Education program as identified in the current Teacher Education Handbook (Chapter Three) or meet any additional criteria as may be allowed by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Pass the Praxis content exams listed for the MAT track chosen, OR meet Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Alternative Assessment Plan expectations (posted on the DESE webpage):

ELED: Pass Praxis Mathematics, Reading and Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies Elementary Education Multiple Subjects exams (pass scores 157, 157, 159, 155 respectively)

MLED: Pass at least one Praxis Middle School content exams (Reading Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and/or Social Studies (pass scores 164, 165, **150**, **147**, 149 respectively)

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Art Education: Pass Praxis Art: Content Knowledge (pass score 158)

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The department strongly advises consulting with the Teacher Education MAT program advisor to verify appropriate start dates for the program. The MAT Internship semester is a full 15 weeks and offered only in Fall and Spring. All MAT coursework and specific licensure requirements must be completed prior to the Internship semester. This is regardless of the employment status of the student.

## **SPECIALIZED REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Licensure Requirements **are** (subject to change by the Arkansas Department of Education) ~~and including the GPA of 2.70 and the Praxis Core or GRE scores listed above.~~

Complete a course at the graduate or undergraduate level focused on student exceptionalities

Complete a course in Arkansas History **for MLED Social Studies licensure.**

Complete current Arkansas Department of Education requirements for specialized content area knowledge in the MAT track chosen. The MAT Program will meet all minimal requirements of the Arkansas Department of Education. Arkansas Department of Education requirements are subject to change.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

Submit all scheduled Teacher Education Program Application and Gateway Check forms.

Complete all Professional education course work.

Maintain a 3.00 average on professional education course work.

Make no grade lower than a C in all professional area course work. Candidates may not apply more than two classes with a grade of C toward graduate professional course work.

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## Appendix A, 8-Semester Plan (Referenced in #2 - Undergraduate Proposals Only)

*Instructions: Please identify new courses in italics.*

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro							
Degree:							
Major:							
Year:							
<p>Students requiring developmental course work based on low entrance exam scores (ACT, SAT, ASSET, COMPASS) may not be able to complete this program of study in eight (8) semesters. Developmental courses do not count toward total degree hours. <b>Students having completed college level courses prior to enrollment will be assisted by their advisor in making appropriate substitutions. In most cases, general education courses may be interchanged between semesters.</b> A minimum of 45 hours of upper division credit (3000-4000 level) is required for this degree.</p>							
Year 1				Year 1			
Fall Semester				Spring Semester			
Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed	Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed
Total Hours				Total Hours			
Year 2				Year 2			
Fall Semester				Spring Semester			
Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed	Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed
Total Hours				Total Hours			
Year 3				Year 3			
Fall Semester				Spring Semester			
Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed	Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed
Total Hours				Total Hours			
Year 4				Year 4			
Fall Semester				Spring Semester			
Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed	Course No.	Course Name	Hrs	Gen Ed
Total Hours				Total Hours			
<b>Total Jr/Sr Hours</b> _____				<b>Total Degree Hours</b> _____			
<b>Graduation Requirements:</b>							