

Mayville State University

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program



This **completely online** MAT program is designed for people who have a non-teaching bachelor's degree and are interested in entering the teaching profession. The MAT program offers flexibility and affordability for adult learners.

Purpose

Continued growth and service to North Dakota is a priority in the programs offered by Mayville State University. The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree offered through Mayville State University is designed to assist persons with non-teaching bachelor's degrees to apply for teacher certification in a secondary content area while obtaining a master's degree. The addition of the Master of Arts in Teaching to Mayville State University's well-established teacher preparation programs will provide another option for entry-level professionals to begin teaching careers in North Dakota. Mayville State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and MSU's Educator Preparation Program is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Teacher Education has been a focus of Mayville State University's mission throughout the institution's 125 year history and the addition of the MAT program supports the tradition of serving North Dakota's workforce and K-12 schools. With the current shortage of teachers throughout North Dakota and nation-wide, the MAT degree is an option for many who may be interested in a possible career change into education.

The Program

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree program is a 32-credit, online program that provides options for graduates with bachelor's degrees to obtain a professional teaching degree while maintaining employment. The MAT program is standards-based to support secondary teacher certification requirements of the North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) and is designed to support the development of teacher-leaders.

Adding Qualified Teachers to the Workforce

That is the goal of MSU's MAT program. The ND Department of Commerce has acknowledged pre-school, elementary, middle school and secondary teacher shortages across the state. We're here to help get people interested in a teaching career into the classroom!

The Master of Arts in Teaching program supports two types of learners interested in teaching. The first are those who already have an Alternative Access license, are employed by a school district and need to gain the credentials through online course programming to apply for full teacher licensure in ND. The second group of learners are those who will complete MAT program courses followed by a Teaching Mentorship Clinical Experience prior to seeking licensure. The MAT program provides grounded study on teaching, learning and leadership to support the successful MAT graduate in today's workforce.



Criteria for Admission

The following items are required for admission to the MAT program. All items for submission must be completed and received by Mayville State University to be considered for admission to the Master of Arts in Teaching Program at Mayville State University.

- Consultation with an MAT Program Advisor:
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.

After consultation with an MAT Program Advisor, send the following 3 items to:

*Office of Admissions
Mayville State University
Attention: Mindy O'Connor
330 Third Street NE
Mayville, ND 58257*

1. Application for graduate admission to Mayville State University. (online application)
2. An application fee of \$35.00 U.S. dollars must accompany each application for admission to the university.
3. Official transcripts verifying all undergraduate course work and degrees earned from accredited institutions.

Contact Mindy O'Connor for assistance with graduate application to Mayville State University:
mindy.oconnor@mayvillestate.edu, 701.788.4635

Applicants will receive an email that provides all necessary information, forms and processes to complete the remaining items required for admission to the MAT program.

- \$35 MAT Graduate Program Application Fee
- A current resume or CV
- 3 Letters of reference from people who can respond to the applicant's professionalism, potential for success in teaching, and can speak to the applicant's content knowledge expertise. Letters may not be submitted from family members.
- An official score report indicating successful completion of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators test. (Please consult with an MAT advisor prior to taking the exam.)
- Signed Student Code of Conduct Form
- Proof of current student liability insurance
- Proof of fingerprinting and a background check clearance
- Admission Interview Essay

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Core Requirements:

EDUC 500	Teaching Mentorship Clinical Experience	6 SH
EDUC 550	Foundations of Education and Leadership	3 SH
EDUC 592	Theories of Learning and Management	2 SH
EDUC 555	Child and Adolescent Development	3 SH
EDUC 580	Instruct. Strategies for Classroom Teacher	4 SH
<i>Pre-requisites: EDUC 550, 572, 592 (offered Spring)</i>		
EDUC 526	Found. of Practices in Reading Instruct.	3 SH
EDUC 572	Instructional Resources and Technology	2 SH
EDUC 581	Human Relations and Diversity	3 SH
EDUC 593	Inclusive Classroom	2 SH
EDUC 522	Educational Assessment	3 SH
EDUC 595	Comprehensive Capstone Project	1 SH

Total 32 SH



If you have questions or want to receive more information, please email or call the Division of Education Office at:

**education@mayvillestate.edu
701.788.4710**

