



Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)
Add-on Certification and Professional Development
Information Handout

Overview

- The **Master of Arts in Teaching Degree (MAT)** is a Graduate Alternate Certification Program intended to allow individuals who have completed a non-education bachelor's degree to earn a Master's degree and an initial teaching certificate.
- Candidates fully admitted to the MAT degree program will be eligible to apply for a practitioner teacher license.
- If you are **currently certified**, you can obtain an **add-on certification** in another area or qualify for a **Master of Education Degree (M.Ed.)**

Certification Areas:

- PK-3 **Early Childhood**
1-5 **Elementary Education**
4-8 **Middle School** (English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies)
6-12 **Secondary** (English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, General Science, Physics, and Social Studies)
1-5 **Special Education Mild/Moderate** Integrated to Merged Program
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(English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies)
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(English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, General Science, Physics and Social Studies)
Birth-5 **Special Education** Early Intervention
1-12 **Special Education** Hearing Impaired
1-12 **Special Education** Significant Disabilities (Alternate Certification ONLY. The MAT is currently not available for Significant Disabilities, pending approval of the distance learning program.)

HOW DO I APPLY?

- The Graduate School Application is available online. (www.uno.edu) Click: **ADMISSIONS**

NOTE: If you are applying for the MAT please follow the directions below on the **Admission Term and Program section of the online Admissions application.**

Application Instructions:

- Are you seeking a degree at UNO? Click: **YES**
- **Academic Career: Graduate**
- **Program: Masters Education**
- **Plan: Initial Teacher Certification** (student who is **not a certified teacher**)
- **Sub Plan** Do not select a sub plan

NOTE: If you are applying for Additional Certification (**certified teacher** seeking another certification), **Professional Development** (**certified teacher** seeking: Master's plus 30, National Board Certification or certificate renewal), Or if you earned a UNO Education Minor (returning to complete certification), **please follow the directions below on the Admission Term and Program section of the online Admissions application.**

Application Instructions:

- Are you seeking a degree at UNO? Click: **NO**
- **Academic Career: Graduate**
- **Program: Non-degree Graduate Education**
- **Plan: Add-On, Professional Development or Earned a UNO Education Minor** returning to complete certification
- **Sub Plan** Do not select a sub plan

NOTE: You are **required to have complete and official transcripts** mailed to the **Office of Admissions** directly from **ALL schools** attended.

The Office of Admissions will not process your application until **ALL** transcripts are received.

Once you have **received your acceptance letter from Graduate School Admissions**, you must **schedule an appointment** with an **Academic Counselor**. Please call 504-280-1278 to schedule an appointment.

NOTE: If you are seeking initial certification, please have available an official copy of your transcript and documentation of **PRAXIS** and **GRE** scores for your advising session.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

- A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- An overall 2.5 GPA on **ALL** college coursework
- Accepted to UNO Graduate School
- GRE Scores (Registration for the GRE is available at www.ets.org/gre)
- Pass **PRAXIS I** (Reading, Writing, and Math) (see Praxis handout for registration procedures), **or** ACT 22 composite score, **or** SAT 1030 (combined verbal and math scores)

NOTE: If you have a **Master's Degree, Praxis I, ACT, or SAT** and **GRE** are not required

- Pass **PRAXIS II** Content Area (www.ets.org/praxis)

(The Praxis Series is an Educational Testing Service (ETS) program that provides tests for states to use as part of the teacher certification process. The state of Louisiana requires passing scores for PRAXIS I and II in order to be a certified teacher in Louisiana)

NOTE: If your certification area is **English** or **Social Studies** two PRAXIS II content tests are required. For admission to the **Secondary Social Studies Program 0081 (Content Knowledge) and 0083 (Interpretation of Materials)** are required. For admission to the **Secondary English Program 0041 (Content Knowledge)** is required; however, **0043 (Pedagogy)** is required for program completion.

NOTE: No PRAXIS II area exam required for Earth Science (must have 31 hours of Earth Science)

NOTE: Under certain circumstances, you may be given permission to register for 3 hours of **coursework before meeting all admission requirements for the MAT degree program.** (You can discuss this possibility with the **Academic Counselor** during your advising Session.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM COMPLETION

- Successful completion of all coursework **and** Internship or Student Teaching
- Pass **PRAXIS II** (Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)) (www.ets.org/praxis)
See Special Education below for additional Praxis requirements.

NOTE: If your certification area is Secondary **English** you must pass an **additional** PRAXIS II content exam **0043 (Pedagogy)**.

Special Education certifications take the following exit exam(s).

NOTE: If your certification area is **Special Education** you must take and pass one of the following test(s) in your certification area: Early Intervention (0353 **and** 0521), Mild/Moderate Disabilities (0353 **and** 0542) or Significant Disabilities (0353 **and** 0544)

(SEE ETS WEB SITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

www.ets.org/praxis or www.ets.org/gre

FYI: ALL FINANCIAL AID QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE LOCATED IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 1005.