



What you need to know about....

Childhood Education (M.A.T.)

1 5 Year program track

The 5-year program includes prerequisite courses completed in the Bachelor of Science in Education.

The M.A.T. program is a 33 semester-hour program and students choose a concentration area in ESL, STEM, Reading or Gifted and Talented.



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Application to the program is required

Students must meet all program application requirements and apply by the deadline.

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Field experiences include a full year of student teaching

Students complete around 90 hours of field experiences during their undergraduate program of study. With the final year of classes in the M.A.T., students complete a full year of student teaching in a local NW Arkansas school district. (~900 hrs.)



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K-6 Grade Level License

Upon completion of the M.A.T. students are eligible for an Arkansas license in Elementary Education, grades K-6. Students also have the option of "testing out" of content areas for middle level grades 4-8 as well.

"We saw different models of [teaching and] each of my placements has been different... so the way our mentors have modeled for us has added to my experience."

"I feel like we were given a lot of tools and strategies to build a [teaching] toolkit that I can use."



Employers consistently rate U of A graduates effective teachers in their content area.

In the most recent survey of graduates, 90% stated they felt well prepared.

