

# Master of Arts in Teaching (emphasis in Early Childhood Education)

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The M.A.T. is designed as a minimum 32 semester credit hour program.

The M.A.T. (emphasis in Early Childhood Education) is a degree offered by COPE in collaboration with the Department of Family Sciences. All post-baccalaureate and graduate students seeking certification must comply with admission standards required by the major department and the College of Professional Education. A student in the M.A.T. program will take 9 Family Sciences Early Childhood Education semester credit hours of their choosing (after advising from the Family Sciences faculty.) The remaining credits are determined and administered by COPE and are as follows:

## Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) Program of Study (32 or 38 minimum semester credit hours)

### Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (16 SCH)

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| EDUC 5113 | Foundations of Teaching and Learning                                  | 3 |
| EDUC 5123 | Learning Theory, Development, and Research                            | 3 |
| EDUC 5131 | Technology in Assessment and Instruction                              | 1 |
| EDUC 5133 | Assessment and Instructional Design and Delivery for Diverse Learners | 3 |
| EDUC 5143 | Effective Design and Management of the Classroom Environment (EC-12)  | 3 |
| EDUC 5173 | Diversity in the Classroom  | 3 |

### Academic Specialization (9 SCH)

This is coursework in the field of study. Students will take the Texas Exam of Educator Standards (TExES) in their field of study before or during their first semester in the program. 9

### Field-Based Experience (6-12 SCH)

A full-time, one-semester unpaid professional practicum in a school setting. (All coursework must be completed before beginning student teaching.)

OR

A full-time, two-semester internship (6 semester credit hours) in a school setting in which the student is employed and paid as the teacher of record. (This option requires that 12 semester credit hours of pedagogy courses must be completed.) 6-12

### Professional Portfolio and Final Assessment (1 SCH)

Each student will maintain a professional portfolio throughout her or his program. The completed portfolio must be submitted for evaluation prior to graduation. 1

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**Total Semester Credit Hours** 32-38