Thank you for your interest in our Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program.

The MAT Program is a graduate teacher preparation program designed to help students obtain preliminary Oregon licensure and earn a Master of Arts in Teacher Education Degree.

The College of Education’s full-time, intensive teacher preparation program blends professional knowledge gained through experience within university coursework and classroom settings. In order to acquire a variety of experiences and to increase future job opportunities, our students normally participate in two placements (fall and winter/spring) at different school classrooms. Candidates begin their placements at the beginning of a school year at an assigned school site designated by the university. Candidates move to the second placement in January.

MAT Program Overview

▪ Attend on-campus Summer Session classes that begin early August.
▪ Complete student placement with one or more experienced teachers throughout the school year.
▪ Attend on-campus graduate level classes as a member of a cohort during the academic year.

The Year at a Glance

First Summer Session:
The MAT program starts in early August with a residency week (M-F from 8am to 5pm). Class sessions will be held on the Eastern Oregon University campus in La Grande, Oregon. All candidates must attend the on-campus residency week. Candidates will also attend one on campus weekend session. A more detailed schedule will be sent out in the spring of 2022.

Placements are made throughout eastern and central Oregon in, or near, each student’s home community, if possible. For specific details, please refer to the “Placement Request Form” in the MAT application.

Fall Term:
Fall Term begins with the first candidate placement. The placement starts when teachers begin their contract year, at the school sites; usually the week before public school students begin classes. Prior to starting their placements, candidates need to contact their placement sites to confirm the exact reporting dates. Candidates will continue full time at their assigned schools until the end of December, with the exception of when they come to campus for classes. University classes are scheduled on campus two weekends during Fall Term.

Winter Term:
MAT candidates generally transition from the first placement to the second placement after winter break. The placement begins at the start of the new K-12 semester at the placement site. Prior to starting their placements, candidates need to contact their placement sites to confirm the exact reporting dates. Candidates will be placed full time at their assigned school until the end of the school year. University classes are scheduled on campus two weekends during Winter Term.
**Spring Term:**
Candidates will continue full-time in their second placement during Spring Term. Some University courses will continue during Spring Term, virtually and online. Candidates may apply for licensure upon completion of all state mandated standardized tests and placement requirements.

**Submit your application to the MAT program**

- [ ] https://slate.eou.edu/apply/
- [ ] Selected cohort application: MAT Elementary-Multiple Subjects Application Form or MAT Secondary-Single Subject Area(s) Application Form

Items you will need to upload into the MAT application are:
- Essay
- Fingerprint Clearance
- ORELA NES or Praxis Test results

You will be required to have 2 professional references (their email will be required)

Items you will need to upload into the MAT application are:
- Resume
- Unofficial Transcripts (if degree has not been awarded)

Official transcripts are required from your Degree University and any post degree transcripts (EOU graduates we can get these)

**College of Education Contacts**

For further information regarding the MAT Program, please contact:

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During and after submission of the MAT Program Application please contact:  

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After submitting your application, questions may be addressed to:
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Admission Timeline

1. Upon receipt of your completed MAT application materials, the MAT Office Coordinator will review and create a file and enter pertinent information into the College of Education database.

2. Applications will start being reviewed by the MAT Admissions Committee. The application review period will begin January 3, 2022. Applications submitted prior to January will be held until the review period begins.

3. A transcript evaluation will be completed to ensure appropriate prerequisite coursework has been completed for your intended content area.

4. When the above procedures have been completed, you will receive an email indicating your admission status. Any missing requirements will be specified in this email, such as the need for additional coursework or passing test scores.

5. Fingerprint clearance must be submitted with MAT program application. It is the applicant’s responsibility to provide all information and documentation to TSPC when completing fingerprint requirements. If you answer “Yes” to any of the, Character Questions, you will need to follow the TSPC fingerprinting requirements, now. Here is the link with the instructions on how to complete this requirement. TSPC Fingerprinting Steps
   Please use this link if you have question on TSPC requirement: TPSC Fingerprinting Requirements
   If you have any other questions please contact Janet Frye, jfrye@eou.edu.

6. Upon acceptance to the program, you will receive a packet in late spring that provides specific information regarding the schedule of classes, registration procedures, tuition and fees, and other program information necessary to start the program in August.

7. The MAT program requires that you have access to a personal computer, including webcam and microphone, and Internet. Plan accordingly so that you have this technology access before beginning the MAT program.

The application deadline is March 1, 2022. Passing test scores must be received NO LATER than May 1, 2022.

If you have any questions throughout the admission process, for the MAT application please contact

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