Master of Arts in Teaching

Rigorous academic and clinical experiences for future classroom leaders to build the professional knowledge and skills needed to benefit all students

At A Glance

Degree Type: Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Program Length: 12-14 Months
Application Deadline for Summer 2020: January 14, 2020

The year-long Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, which includes a two-semester residency in a public school with an experienced classroom teacher, prepares students for an initial teaching licensure in:
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education in English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies
- Special Education

We offer two ways for entry into the MAT program:
- Early Affiliation (Pre-MAT) allows current UNC-Chapel Hill undergraduates to take MAT courses and apply as early as second semester of first year
- Post-Bachelor welcomes applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree (or who are in their final year of obtaining one) from an accredited institution
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Built on research-based best practices, the MAT program provides early and extensive clinical experience — opportunities to integrate theory and practice, demonstrate skills in a structured and supportive environment, and support equity efforts in schools.

Graduates leave the program as the most effective educators in the state and beyond. A study by the Education Policy Initiative at Carolina found that having an MAT graduate in the classroom was like providing additional instruction time, especially for economically disadvantaged and minority students, and students at struggling schools — highlighting our commitment to social justice in serving marginalized and underserved populations.

Before enrolling, students can apply for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program; Carolina is one of five North Carolina schools to offer the program.

How will you propel the world?

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