Thank you for your interest in Georgia Southern University. The College of Education offers multiple Master of Arts in Teaching programs that are designed to lead to initial teacher certification in the following fields:

- **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5)** (online)
- **HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)** (online)
- **MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION (4-8)** (online)
  - Select one concentration: Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-12)** (online)
- **SECONDARY EDUCATION (6-12)** (online)
  - Select one concentration: Biology, Broad Fields Science, Chemistry, Economics, English, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, or Political Science
- **SPANISH EDUCATION (P-12)** (hybrid-Statesboro)

**ADMISSION TERMS AND DEADLINES** – The application and all required materials must be submitted by the deadline. *Applicants are encouraged to start this process early as required assessments may take up to 30 days to post scores.*

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**MAT ADMISSION CHECKLIST**

*Apply online* to the College of Graduate Studies. There is a $50 application fee. After you submit your application, you can check the status of your application [here](#).

Please consult the following checklist during the application process to ensure you meet each requirement and submit all required materials. These requirements apply to all MAT programs unless otherwise noted.

- Possess a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution. With your application, you must submit transcripts from every college or university you have attended (even if you attended for only one course or one semester). With your application, you can submit unofficial or official transcripts. If you gain admission and choose to enroll, you must submit official transcripts at that time if they were not previously submitted. Applicants should not need to submit Georgia Southern University (or Armstrong State University) transcripts, although it may expedite the processing of your application if you attach unofficial documents.
Any international transcripts must be accompanied by an evaluation from a NACES accredited evaluation service. This must include a course by course evaluation and a GPA.

Possess a cumulative 2.50 (4.0 scale) overall grade point average or higher on all undergraduate and graduate coursework combined. This overall GPA includes every course you have ever attempted.

For applicants to all MAT programs except Elementary Education and Health and Physical Education: Your transcripts will be reviewed for required content coursework as part of a transcript evaluation. Your transcripts will be evaluated following the submission of your application and all required transcripts. You must have an adjusted GPA of 2.75 or higher on content courses in the selected area of certification. You can review the criteria by which your transcripts will be evaluated for each concentration here: https://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/gasc/services/transcript-evaluation/

Create a MyPSC account and an ETS GACE account. These are required to take GACE Assessments and obtain pre-service certification.

Submit passing scores for all three sections of the GACE Program Admission Assessment or valid exemption scores (SAT, ACT, GRE), detailed here: http://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/BasicSkillsInfo.aspx

Complete the state-required Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment (test code 360).

For Middle Grades, Secondary, and Spanish Education applicants only: Submit a passing score on the GACE Content Assessment in the area for which one is seeking certification. There are two parts to the content assessments in Spanish and Secondary concentrations. If there is any question about which assessment to take, please contact your MAT Admissions Contact, Stacy Davis, at stacydavis@georgiasouthern.edu.

Qualify for a Georgia Pre-Service Certificate or Provisional/Waiver Certificate. You will acknowledge this item in your online application, but you do not need to do anything further until after you gain admission. If you are a teacher of record with a Provisional or Waiver Certificate, you will complete this process with your school district. If you are not a teacher of record, you will apply for the Pre-Service Certificate after you gain admission. The Pre-Service Certificate requirements are found here: https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/preService.aspx

Submit a personal statement of purpose/letter of intent that identifies your reasons for pursuing graduate study and how admission into the program relates to your professional aspirations.

If you plan to apply to the Elementary Education program, please ensure that your statement identifies your reasons for pursuing graduate study, describes your commitment to explore, acknowledge, and appreciate the home and community culture of your future students, and explains your desire to learn strategies that integrate cultural experiences, values, and understanding into the P-5 teaching and learning environment.

Acknowledge “Disclosure and Affirmation” statements that address the Code of Ethics for Educators and the need for tort liability insurance. These acknowledgements are represented by a section in the online application that you will initial.
**For MAT Elementary Education applicants only:** Submit a self-administered Initial Disposition Assessment form, which can be found here: [https://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/mat/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/MAT-ELEM-Self-Assessment-Form.pdf](https://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/mat/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/MAT-ELEM-Self-Assessment-Form.pdf)

**For MAT Spanish applicants only:** Applicants must pass an Oral Proficiency Interview and a Writing Proficiency Test in Spanish at the ACTFL-defined IH or above (tests administered by the Department of Foreign Languages).

**For MAT Spanish applicants only:** International applicants and U.S. citizens whose native language is not English must demonstrate competence in English. Applicants must pass an Oral Proficiency Interview and a Writing Proficiency Test in English at the ACTFL-defined IH or above (tests administered by the Department of Foreign Languages).

Pay $50 application fee upon application submission.

After you submit your application, you may not able to add any additional application materials on your own. If you need to submit any additional application materials after your application has been submitted, you can send them to Graduate Admissions at gradadmissions@georgiasouthern.edu.

**TRANSFER COURSEWORK**

- You can find the Graduate Policy for Transfer Coursework here: [https://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/graduate/admissions/transfer-credit/](https://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/graduate/admissions/transfer-credit/)
- Any transfer coursework must be reviewed and approved by your advisor after you obtain admission. You should consult with your advisor after you gain admission to request a review of any potential transfer coursework.
- The MAT Elementary Education program does not currently accept any transfer coursework.

**PROGRAM ORIENTATIONS**

- All new MAT Elementary Education candidates must attend a three-day on-campus orientation in order to meet registration requirements. Please visit the program’s website or contact Stacy Davis at stacydavis@georgiasouthern.edu for more specific information and dates.
- All new MAT Middle Grades and Secondary Education students must attend an on-campus orientation in order to meet registration requirements. Please visit the program’s website or contact Stacy Davis at stacydavis@georgiasouthern.edu for more specific information and dates.
- The other MAT programs do not currently have any formal program orientation.

**FIELD EXPERIENCES**

- Students in all MAT programs must complete extensive field experience components beginning in the first fall semester of the program. Field Experience policies can be found [here](#). Students will complete these field experiences as a pre-service student teacher or as the teacher of record in a matching content classroom. Specific field experience requirements will...
vary by program. For more information about field experiences, please refer to the specific program website.

- Please note:
  - Field experiences for the MAT Middle Grades and MAT Secondary programs can occur anywhere in Georgia if you are the teacher of record in a matching content classroom. If you are not a teacher of record, you will be placed as a student teacher within a 70-mile radius of the Georgia Southern University Statesboro or Armstrong campus. If you cannot meet these criteria, you may not be able to complete the field experience requirements for the program.
  - All field experiences for the MAT Spanish program must take place within a 70-mile radius of the Georgia Southern University Statesboro campus.

- Please contact your MAT Admissions Contact, Stacy Davis, at stacydavis@georgiasouthern.edu if you have specific questions about field experiences after you have reviewed the field experience information that is on the program’s website.

POST-BACCALAUREATE COURSEWORK

If you need to complete additional coursework to raise your overall GPA or meet specific content requirements identified as a result of the transcript evaluation, it is recommended that you apply to the institution of your choice to take additional coursework as a post-baccalaureate student.

IF YOU ARE ADMITTED

Here are a few initial steps you will need to complete after you gain admission:

ELEMENTARY, SPECIAL, MIDDLE GRADES AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ONLY

- You will receive an email from your advisor requesting additional information about your intent to enroll. Please complete and submit this form in a timely manner.

ALL PROGRAMS

- Create your MyGeorgiaSouthern account at my.georgiasouthern.edu.
- The College of Education’s Certification Officer will email you with instructions and documents required for Pre-Service Certification and claiming your enrollment at Georgia Southern. All students must claim Georgia Southern University as their Educator Preparation Provider. Teachers of record can log into their MyPSC account to claim Georgia Southern University as their Educator Preparation Provider.
  - A Pre-Service Certificate is required for practicums and student teaching. These experiences begin in the first fall semester of your program. It is essential that you get all required documents to the Certification Officer in a timely manner. Failure to qualify for a Pre-Service Certificate will result in dismissal from the program.
- You will need to purchase Tort Liability Insurance before you begin any field experiences. Tort Liability Insurance coverage is available through membership in professional organizations and student organization affiliates such as PAGE/SPAGE and GAE/SGAE or through private homeowner’s insurance policies.
HELPFUL CONTACTS

Program Contact for Elementary, Special, Middle Grades and Secondary Education
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TEACH Grant Information
https://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/ advisement/teach-grant/