

# MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING IN SECONDARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM (M.A.T.) & EDUCATION SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING (ED.S.)

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3. TOEFL Scores for candidates who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

## Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Teaching in Secondary Education Curriculum & Education Specialist in School Curriculum and Instructional Planning (M.A.T. to Ed.S.)

## Career Opportunities

- Secondary School Teacher (public or private)

## Purpose

The new MAT to EDS Dual Degree Program will allow teacher candidates with a bachelor's degree to obtain both a master's degree and educational specialist degree, along with a Virginia teaching license, in a shorter financially responsible manner. The proposed program will create a MAT to EDS, 60-hour program. The new program will mostly encompass existing courses, although some new courses will be developed. The new program is designed to meet the requirements of the VDOE.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Formulate knowledge of learner development, learning differences, and learning environments.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the literature of the discipline area and the application of content to connect concepts and engage learners.
- Plan instruction using multiple methods of assessment and instructional strategies to develop a deep understanding of the content for secondary level learners.
- Develop a Biblical worldview and professional responsibility through ongoing reflection and professional development experiences where opportunities are provided for leadership and collaboration with stakeholders.
- Evaluate historical, philosophical, and theoretical influences pertaining to curriculum and instruction.
- Incorporate assessment and data analysis to improve instructional practices and student outcomes.

## Program Specific Admission Requirements

### Programs that Lead to Initial Licensure

In addition to the general admission procedures, specific admission requirements for the **Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)** program are:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. GPA of at least a 2.50 on a 4.00 scale (cautionary admission is an option if the candidate has at least a 2.00).