

# MIDDLE OR SECONDARY TEACHING CERTIFICATION

## Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

### Delivery Online

This is a guide based on the 2024-2025 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

### CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

#### 37 hours required – 3.0 GPA Required

##### Required Courses:

- \_\_\_ SE602 Effective Literacy Instruction at the Middle and Secondary Levels (3)
- \_\_\_ SE612 Responsive Literacy for Middle and High School Students with Academic Challenges (3)
- \_\_\_ SE650 Introduction to Teaching Methods in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- \_\_\_ SE651 Introductory Practicum 1 in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- \_\_\_ SE654 Advanced Methods of Teaching in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- \_\_\_ SE656 Techniques of Teaching Middle or Secondary Content (3)
- \_\_\_ SE660 Intermediate Practicum 2 in Middle and Secondary Schools (3)
- \_\_\_ SE670 Internship in Middle and Secondary Schools (12)

##### Choose 4 hours:

- \_\_\_ SE652 Intermediate Methods of Teaching in Middle Schools (4)
- \_\_\_ SE653 Intermediate Methods of Teaching in Secondary Schools (4)

##### Choose one with advice of program coordinator:

- \_\_\_ GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Examination (0)
- \_\_\_ GR699 Master's Oral Examination (0)

### Degree Requirements

The field experience component requires practicums within the appropriate certification grade-band and content area. These will occur during the mornings and/or afternoons. The field work must be completed in approved settings, under the supervision of a certified teacher and qualified university supervisor. This field work may be completed in the graduate student's workplace if the setting meets the requirements.

### Certification

The state of Missouri has high expectations for future educators. Students must meet the following standards to be recommended for licensure following degree completion. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in all required program courses. In addition, students must pass the MO Educator Evaluation System for recommendation for licensure and fulfill other assessments such as a dispositions profile and be cleared through an FBI background check.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

- 1.** For certification grades 9-12: BA or BS degree in the content area or closely related field that meets the required core competencies for the license.  
For certification grades 5-9: BA or BS degree in the content area or 24 credit hours of completed courses that meet the required content competencies for that license:
  - Math – 24 hours of math including courses in College Algebra, Geometry and Applied or Pre-Calculus.
  - Science – 24 hours of science with a minimum of 8 hours of physical and 8 hours of life science courses.
- 2.** An undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and specific content GPA of 3.0
- 3.** Passage of the Missouri Content Assessment in an appropriate area as defined by the Department of Leadership, Middle, and Secondary Education
- 4.** Completion of PY222 Adolescent Development or similar to the Child and Adolescent Psychology
- 5.** Completion of EX390/635 Psychology and Education of Children with Exceptionalities or similar course

International applicants must also have a minimum IELTS Academic score of 7.0, TOEFL iBT score of 95, PTE Academic score of 64 or Duolingo English score of 125. *This requirement is for non-United States citizens who are not native English speakers. Students from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are exempt from English proficiency verification.*

### Provisional Admission

Provisional admission will be considered if prerequisites are partially filled and GPA and testing criteria are met.

### For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit

<https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>.



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