

**DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
M.A.T. (MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING)
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY (Decision Point 1)

1. Application for Candidacy (available in the Department of ECE, UH Room 269 or at <http://www.education.armstrong.edu/ece/mat/index.html>.)
2. Evidence of an activated LiveText account by earning a B or higher in EDUC 6100 and submission of the LiveText form.
3. Earn a passing score on the GACE Basic Skills exam or meet exemption requirements (see <http://www.gapsc.com/>).
4. Submit electronically and print to include in the DP1 application two professional disposition assessments from Education faculty. Written requests to faculty members through LiveText must be submitted at least two weeks before the application due date.
5. Completion of EDUC 6000 and EDUC 6100 with a B or better, a C or better in EDUC 6200, and an overall 3.0 GPA in EDUC 6000, EDUC 6100, and EDUC 6200.
6. Proof of instructional liability insurance [available for purchase through SGAE officers or online at <http://www.nea.org> (SGAE) or <http://www.pagefoundation.org> (PAGE)]. If renewed online, please attach the membership receipt to the application, or the Employment Verification form as a substitution for this requirement.
7. An earned 3.0 GPA (overall) in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work.

Submit all required papers in one packet to Dr. Elizabeth Crawford, Graduate Program Coordinator, University Hall Room 258, by the following deadlines. Student will receive written notification of acceptance to Candidacy.

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Semester of Admission to Candidacy</u>
April 15	Summer
July 15	Fall
November 15	Spring

ADMISSION TO INTERNSHIP (Decision Point 2)

1. Application for Graduate Internship by the posted deadline to UH 269 (available in the Department of ECE, UH Room 269 or at <http://www.education.armstrong.edu/ece/mat/index.html>.)
2. Evidence of passing the GACE Content Assessment in Early Childhood Education [Test I (001) and Test II (002)].
3. Submit electronically and print to include in the DP2 application two professional disposition assessments from Education faculty different from those used for Decision Point 1. Written requests to faculty members through LiveText must be submitted at least two weeks before the application due date.
4. Submit in LiveText the Professional Teaching Portfolio by April 1st or November 1st in LiveText if completing internship in Fall or Spring, respectively. The candidate must earn a Basic or better in all four Domain areas in order to be admitted to Internship.
5. Evidence of current Infant, Child, and Adult CPR and First Aid certification.
6. 10 hours of documented professional development.

7. Register for ECMT 6750 during open registration.

Note: A \$325 fee will be charged by the Registrar's Office when one registers for ECMT 6750.

PROGRAM COMPLETION (Decision Point 3)

1. Application for Program Completion (available in the Department of ECE, UH Room 269 or at <http://www.education.armstrong.edu/ece/mat/index.html>.)
2. Submit electronically print to include in the DP3 application two professional disposition assessments from Education faculty different from those used for Decision Point 1 and 2. Written requests to faculty members must be submitted at least two weeks before the application due date.
3. Submit a current, unofficial AASU transcript. (Note: The Candidate's program completion will be contingent upon the student's cumulative GPA after all coursework is completed).
4. Successful completion of Graduate Internship as measured by "basic level" or better on all four domains of the Performance Outcomes Assessment instrument. (Note: Internship results are maintained in the student's permanent file and do not need to be attached with this application).

Important Notes:

1. This program of study is considered valid only when it is signed by the student and the student's advisor. It is the student's responsibility to meet with the advisor at program entry.
2. Students assume primary responsibility for knowledge of and compliance with program requirements. Questions should be directed to the student's advisor and/or to the Graduate Program Coordinator.
3. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better throughout their M.A.T. Program of Study with a C or better in all coursework. (Exception: Must earn a B or better in EDUC 6000 and EDUC 6100).
4. Students are bound by the AASU Academic Honor Code. Further, coursework may be submitted in one course only. Any duplication of submitted work must include the written permission of all instructors involved.
5. Students are responsible for applying for graduation two semesters prior to one's anticipated semester of program completion. Forms are available in UH 269 and in the School of Graduate Studies, 2nd floor Victor Hall.
6. Upon completion of the program requirements, the student is responsible for applying for Georgia licensure at <https://www.gapsc.com/Download/Application.pdf>. The student must also send an official AASU transcript to Ms. Kathy Driggers, Certification Officer, UH 250, who makes the recommendation to the Georgia Department of Education that the student be licensed. (Note: A meeting is held to explain this process).