



# MAT (MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING) REGULAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION and CANDIDACY

Upon completion of eight hours with a 3.0 GPA (overall), including EDUC 6100 and opening a LiveText account, EDUC 6000 with a grade of “B” or better, passing GACE Basic Skills or providing exemption scores, completing an application form (available in UH 269 or ECE Website at [www.education.armstrong.edu/ece/](http://www.education.armstrong.edu/ece/)) and meeting requirements to be admitted to Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Candidacy (see below) the candidate is Regularly Admitted.

## **Requirements to be Regularly Admitted to ECE and Candidacy:**

1. Two letters of recommendations which address personal demeanor with peers, and/or students and parents. The letters should also address personal disposition regarding the candidate’s initiative and responsibility for his/her own learning.
2. Signed College of Education (COE) permission for criminal background check (waived with proof of employment in a public school system). *Forms available in UH 269.*
3. Proof of instructional liability insurance (waived with proof of employment in a public school system). *Forms available in UH 269.*
4. An earned 3.0 GPA (overall) in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work.
5. Submit Official GACE Basic Skills scores (or provide exemption scores as listed below)
6. Candidate Disposition Assessments (two required – you must request 2 non-VISTA instructors to complete)

***The candidate MUST maintain a 3.0 GPA (overall) for all courses at AASU.***

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Admission to ECE and Candidacy for MAT Program (***Before you take your fourth course.***)  
Submit all required papers to AASU, ECE Graduate Coordinator, 11935 Abercorn Street, UH 269, Savannah, GA 31419-1997
  - 1. 3.0 GPA (overall)**
  - 2. Evidence showing you opened a LiveText account**
- GACE Basic Skills – Admission Requirement to ECE and Candidacy  
(for GACE test dates and registration, go to [www.gace.nesinc.com](http://www.gace.nesinc.com))
- Content Assessment – Certification Requirement  
(for GACE test dates and registration, go to [www.gace.nesinc.com](http://www.gace.nesinc.com))
- Professional Portfolio due April 1<sup>st</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup> (***semester of your graduation***)  
(***sample portfolios in University Hall 269 for you to peruse – 10 standards***)

**Candidates may use one of the following options to exempt GACE Basic Skills.**  
***Candidate must provide proof.***

- SAT – 1000 (Verbal and Math)
- ACT – 43 (English and Math)
- GRE – 1030 (Verbal and Quantitative)
- CBEST – Passing Scores indicated on score report. Used in California & Oregon  
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/profserv/examinfo/cbest.html>
- CLAST – Passing Scores indicated on score report. Used in Florida  
<http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/clast/clstpscr.htm>
- FTCE – General Knowledge – Passing Scores indicated on score report. Used in Florida  
<http://www.cefe.usf.edu/TestDescGK.aspx>