

# TEACHING, M.A.

Saint Louis University's Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) with alternative certification is designed to enable students who have undergraduate degrees in content areas and were not education majors to seek Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education certification via an alternative route. This degree is designed to offer students expanded knowledge in content areas and pedagogy, current educational practices, and the processes of teaching and learning.

In the spirit of the Jesuit tradition of education, Saint Louis University's Master of Arts in Teaching program is committed to providing students with:

- Individualized academic experiences that focus on their specific content area of intellectual interest.
- Opportunities to address social and moral issues related to education, especially in urban settings.
- Coaching from the School of Education's faculty allows for real-time feedback on student teaching methods and classroom management.

SLU's Master of Arts in Teaching offers three unique pathways:

- Billiken Teacher Corps (BTC)
- MAT Catholic
- MAT Public

## Curriculum Overview

Students in each of the Master of Arts in Teaching degree's three pathways must successfully complete the required Missouri Educator Assessments, teaching for two years in an accredited Missouri public or non-public school having obtained Missouri provisional certification and participating in the school or district's professional development programs and performance-based teacher evaluation program.

Courses are concentrated during the summer, with one evening course and a practicum requirement during the fall and spring semesters, allowing students to focus on teaching during the academic year. Summer courses begin in early summer, preparing students to enter the classroom in August.

### Alternative Certification

Each of the pathways of SLU's Master of Arts in Teaching with alternative certification are designed to enable students who have undergraduate degrees in content areas and were not education majors to seek Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education certification via an alternative route.

### Billiken Teacher Corps (BTC) - 37-38 credits

The Billiken Teacher Corps (<https://www.slu.edu/education/institutes/billiken-teacher-corps.php>), a program of the Institute for Catholic Education (<https://www.slu.edu/education/institutes/institute-catholic-education.php>), is a unique service-learning opportunity for faith-driven college graduates to have a transformative impact in under-resourced Catholic schools in the St. Louis area.

Billiken Teach Corps Fellows live the Jesuit Mission of being men and women for and with others. For two years, the fellows live in an intentional faith community while teaching full-time and earning their Master of Arts in Teaching degree with full tuition remission. This

scholarship is premised upon successful adherence to the standards of the Billiken Teacher Corps community residence and the standards for teachers in Catholic schools. For more information, contact Angela Moret: [angela.moret@slu.edu](mailto:angela.moret@slu.edu).

### MAT Catholic - 37-38 credits

The MAT Catholic pathway is designed for current Catholic school educators who want to seek Missouri teacher certification via the alternative route. Already certified Catholic school teachers who would like to further develop their teaching skills are encouraged to join this pathway. Automatic scholarships covering up to one-third of the MAT degree are awarded to those working in Catholic schools. For more information, contact Angela Moret: [angela.moret@slu.edu](mailto:angela.moret@slu.edu).

### MAT Public - 31-32 credits

Offers a unique opportunity for students to teach in one of SLU's partner school districts while pursuing a master's degree, all while earning a full-time teaching salary of \$38,000 or more. Once admitted into the MAT program, our faculty advisors assist students with arranging job interviews at partner schools. We offer a competitive tuition rate of \$600 per credit hour for the MAT Public master's program so you can earn a high-quality degree for less than \$10,000 per year. For more information, contact us at [slued@slu.edu](mailto:slued@slu.edu) or 314-977-3292.

## Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Master of Arts in Teaching with alternative certification students teach full-time for two years on a DESE provisional teaching certificate. The principal of the school assigns a mentor who teaches in the same content area and the same or similar grade level. A University supervisor makes classroom observations and holds follow-up conferences on a monthly basis.

SLU faculty assist students with job placement in partner schools prior to the beginning of the program.

## Careers

Possible careers for graduates with a M.A.T. include teaching middle school language arts, mathematics, science or social studies; and teaching secondary English, mathematics, biology, chemistry, social studies, music or world languages.

## Admission Requirements

Master of Arts in Teaching with alternative certification applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree or higher in a content area or a related field of the desired certificate from a regionally accredited institution.

### Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Letters of recommendation:
  - MAT Catholic, MAT Public: Two letters
  - Billiken Teacher Corps: Four letters
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

### Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Please note that application deadlines for this program differ for international students.

## Application Deadlines

Master of Arts in Teaching with alternative certification students must start their program in the summer semester since the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires certain courses be taken before beginning to teach in the elementary, middle, or secondary school classroom.

- MAT Catholic, MAT Public: March 1 for priority consideration.
- Billiken Teacher Corps: January 25 for priority consideration.

## Review Process

A committee reviews each application holistically.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for departmental graduate scholarships, students should complete their applications by the program admission deadlines listed.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid> (<http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Each of the MAT pathways offers unique scholarship opportunities:

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## Requirements

Master of Arts in Teaching with alternative certification students must complete the Missouri requirements for a Provisional Certificate, the

appropriate Missouri content assessment, and all other certification requirements established by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Additionally, students must participate in the assigned school district's professional development programs and Performance-Based Teacher Evaluation (PBTE) program.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
EDF 5600	Foundations of Urban Education	3
EDF 5700	Advanced Growth and Development	3
EDI 5390	Teaching Reading: Contemporary Issues & Practices	3
EDI 5960	MAT Capstone	3
EDI 5590	Disciplinary Literacy Assessment & Intervention	3
EDI 6230	Seminar in Instruction	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction (taken over multiple semesters)	4
EDI 6550	Principles of Assessment for Education Settings	3
EDSP 4240	Classroom Organization and Management (Early Childhood, ECSE, Elementary, Special Education)	3
or EDSP 4250	Classroom Organization and Management (Middle, Secondary and Special Education)	
EDSP 5310	Advanced Studies in Psych/Educ the Exceptional Child	3
EDI 5980	Graduate Reading Course (Required for students seeking Middle School (5-9) certification in Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies.)	0-1

### Billiken Teacher Corps members and Catholic school educators

Students must take the following additional two courses:		6
EDF 5835	Foundations of Catholic Education	
EDI 5360	Principles and Methods of Catechesis	

**Total Credits** **31-38**

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

## Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

## Master of Arts in Teaching with Alternative Certification (Public)

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Summer</b>		
EDSP 4240 or EDSP 4250	Classroom Organization and Management (Early Childhood, ECSE, Elementary, Special Education) or Classroom Organization and Management (Middle, Secondary and Special Education)	3
EDI 6230	Seminar in Instruction	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
EDF 5700	Advanced Growth and Development	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDF 5600	Foundations of Urban Education	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Summer</b>		
EDI 5390	Teaching Reading: Contemporary Issues & Practices	3
EDI 6550	Principles of Assessment for Education Settings	3
EDSP 5310	Advanced Studies in Psych/Educ the Exceptional Child	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
EDI 5590	Disciplinary Literacy Assessment & Intervention	3
EDI 5980	Graduate Reading Course (Principles of Middle Level Education)	0-1
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4-5</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDI 5960	MAT Capstone	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>31-32</b>

## Master of Arts in Teaching with Alternative Certification (Billiken Teacher Corps and Catholic)

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Summer</b>		
EDI 6230	Seminar in Instruction	3

EDSP 4240 or EDSP 4250	Classroom Organization and Management (Early Childhood, ECSE, Elementary, Special Education) or Classroom Organization and Management (Middle, Secondary and Special Education)	3
EDF 5700	Advanced Growth and Development	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
EDI 5390	Teaching Reading: Contemporary Issues & Practices	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDI 5590	Disciplinary Literacy Assessment & Intervention	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Summer</b>		
EDI 6550	Principles of Assessment for Education Settings	3
EDF 5600	Foundations of Urban Education	3
EDSP 5310	Advanced Studies in Psych/Educ the Exceptional Child	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
EDF 5835	Foundations of Catholic Education	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
EDI 5360	Principles and Methods of Catechesis	3
EDI 6250	Practicum Curriculum and Instruction	1
EDI 5960	MAT Capstone	3
EDI 5980	Graduate Reading Course (Required for students seeking Middle School (5-9) certification in Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies.)	0-1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7-8</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>37-38</b>

## Contact Us

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