

Shepherd College Board of Governors
March 11, 2004
Agenda Item No. 6

Intent to Plan and Budget for Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)

Shepherd College proposes a thirty credit Master of Arts in Teaching Degree. This degree will be designed to provide perspective teachers, and those already teaching on emergency certificates, with critical pedagogical skills and content knowledge.

This thirty-credit core of professional education courses focuses on the history, theory and research within the profession and is designed to provide the requisite course credits needed for initial teacher certification.

All courses in this Master of Arts in Teaching Program will be three credit hours. Individual professors will determine the criteria for evaluation, however it is expected that these professors will utilize varied methods of instruction and assessment including private applied instruction, readings, WebCt, technology, examinations, research papers, recitals, concerts, and relevant field based assignments. One consistent requirement across all courses within the program will focus on the need to meet program objectives. It is expected that all courses will also be theory and action oriented.

The following resolutions are recommended for adoption by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd College Board of Governors approves the Intent to Plan for a Master of Arts in Teaching and directs the President to file the Intent to Plan with the Chancellor for approval.