

## Master of Arts in TEACHING

*The* Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) is a 39-credit curriculum designed to provide initial teaching certification for those who already hold bachelor's degrees. The program provides small, personal classes led by experienced faculty. The combination of coursework in educational theory, exploration of pedagogical techniques, educational research, and extensive public school field experience provides aspiring teachers with the background for professional success. M.A.T. students conclude the program with a 14-week, full-time internship field experience in the public schools, allowing them to plan, teach, and manage a classroom under the supervision of experienced, certified educators.

### Enhance your career options

In the M.A.T. program, students earn a master's degree and teaching certification in a chosen teaching field, using a curriculum specifically designed to translate directly and immediately into the public school classroom.

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## Flexible Scheduling for Working Adults

To meet the needs of working adults, classes are scheduled in the evenings and during the summer. Shepherd's M.A.T. program is one of the lowest-cost graduate programs in the region, and certification is offered in 12 areas:

Elementary education (K-6)

Secondary education

- Art (PreK-Adult)
- Biology (Grade 9-Adult)
- Chemistry (Grade 9-Adult)
- General Science (Grade 5-Adult)
- English (Grade 5-Adult)
- Family and Consumer Science (Grade 5-Adult)
- Mathematics (Grade 5-Adult)
- Physical Education (PreK-Adult)
- Health (Grade 5-Adult; Only with PE)
- Social Studies (Grade 5-Adult)
- Spanish (Grade 5-Adult)

## Put Theory into Practice

Shepherd University teacher education programs are based upon the framework of Teachers as Reflective Problem Solvers, which guides future teachers in the development of skills and dispositions needed to respond effectively to the range of concerns found in the classroom. Public school field experience is an important component of many of the required courses, providing the opportunity for observation of classroom dynamics and development of personal teaching approaches and philosophy.

## Progression

- Begin taking classes—the flexible rotation of the 39-credit program means you can enter at any semester or summer.
- Continue with the courses, full time or part time.
- Once coursework is concluded, complete a one-semester internship in a public school setting.

## Accreditation

Shepherd University's teacher education programs are fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

## Admission Process

- Complete the application at [www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/apply](http://www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/apply).
- Consult with the M.A.T. Graduate Program Coordinator.
- The application and \$60 application fee, which includes transcript analysis, should be sent to the Office of Graduate Admissions, P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443-5000.

## Admission Requirements

M.A.T. entrants must:

- Possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Have an overall 2.75 GPA in all higher education coursework.

- Have a 2.5 GPA in the content courses for the area in which certification is sought.
- Complete ENGL 101, ENGL 102, and COMM 202 with grades of C or above in each course.
- Have a passing score (or appropriate waiver) on the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE).
- Complete at least 50 percent of all undergraduate content area work required for certification (with grades of C or better) OR complete at least 25 percent of all undergraduate content area work required for certification (with grades of C or better) and a passing score on the Praxis II Content Specialization Test for the certification content area.

Students with a GPA lower than 2.75, but not lower than 2.5, may be admitted conditionally with qualifying scores on the Miller Analogies Test or the Graduate Record Exam.

See [www.shepherd.edu/mat/](http://www.shepherd.edu/mat/) for requirements.



## About Shepherd University

Shepherd University, a West Virginia public liberal arts university, is a diverse community of learners and a gateway to the world of opportunities and ideas. We are the regional center for academic, cultural, and economic opportunity. Our mission of service succeeds because we are dedicated to our core values: learning, engagement, integrity, accessibility, and community.

- Educational opportunities outside of the classroom, such as internships, cooperative education assignments, and student teaching positions.
- Only 90 minutes away from the Washington-Baltimore area, Washington Gateway Program and internships combine educational opportunities with cultural and social resources.
- Located near Harpers Ferry National Park and Antietam National Battlefield, a region rich in history.