

Welcome to the early Childhood Program, which leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree and a Tennessee License to teach grades PreK-3. This degree sheet is a guide for selecting and sequencing courses required in the MAT program. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Paris Samuels, MAT Academic Counselor, at pnkelsey@memphis.edu.

- **Teacher Education Program (TEP):** MAT candidates must apply for admission to TEP before the end of the second semester and fulfill all TEP requirements. Candidates must have a 3.0 graduate GPA to be admitted to TEP and maintain a 3.0 GPA while in the graduate program.
- **Licensure Exams:** Candidates must pass Praxis II exams to be licensed to teach in Tennessee. For registration information, costs, and more details, go to www.ets.org, click on Praxis, and use the dropdown menu to find the correct required exams.
- **Job Embedded Practitioner (JEP) License:** For information, go to <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/licensure/jep-teaching-license.php>. Please contact Ms. Mary Lanier at mlanier@memphis.edu for more information.



Level 1: Strategies for Teaching & Learning



Suggested Course Sequence

Fall I Semester (9 Hours)

- ECED 7102 - Observation, Documentation, and Assessment of Young Children**
- ICL 7106 - Professional and Ethical Practices in a Inclusive Classroom**
- ECED 6510 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Early Childhood Education Programs and Practices**

Spring I Semester (9 Hours)

- ECED 6520 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Planning and Facilitating Early Childhood Social Learning and Development**
- ECED 6530 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Math and Science Methods**
- EDPR 7111 - Child Development and Education or SPED 7015 - Teaching Students with Exceptionalities Across Differences and Abilities

Summer I Semester (6 Hours)

- IDT 7061 – Digital Literacy
- SPED 7000 – Critical Foundations/Inclusive Education**

Requirements Timeline

Fall I Semester

- Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam.
- Please access Praxis Resources [here](#).
- **Required Exams: ALL ARE LISTED AT THE END OF THIS ADVISING SHEET.**

Spring I Semester

- Continue Praxis support and studying.
- Continue to take your Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.
- **If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.**

Summer I Semester

- Continue to take Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.

****Courses with asterisks (**) have clinical/field hours connected to them. You will be expected to visit a school to complete these hours. Your course instructor will share the number of hours to be completed with you.****

Level 2: Applied Foundations for Teaching & Learning

Fall II Semester (6 Hours)

- LITL 7552 – Foundation Skills: Phonological Awareness and Phonics
- ECED 6540 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Infant and Toddler**

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

Spring II Semester (6 Hours)

- LITL 7553 - Literacy in Grades PreK-4
- EDPR 752I - Introduction to Research Design and Methodology

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

Level 3: Professional Development

Fall III Clinical Teaching Candidates (9 hours)

- ICL 7808 – The Clinical Teaching Semester
- ICL 7993 – Current Trends in Diverse Education

- Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed **ALL Exams**:

- Praxis 5025 Early Childhood Education OR NT 109 Early Childhood Subtest II.

- Praxis 5692 Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention OR NT 813 Early Childhood Special Education.

- Praxis 5205 Teaching Reading: Elementary OR NT 890 Foundations of Reading.

- Must be completed prior to enrolling in Level 3 courses.

- Apply for graduation through myMemphis.edu student portal at the beginning of the semester you plan to graduate. Please go to this link for information on the steps to graduate:

<https://www.memphis.edu/commencement/apply/>

Fall III Job-Embedded Candidates (1-3 Hours)

(Final coursework must start in Fall)

- ICL 7992 - Master's Project Part I
Must complete prior to final semester.
- ICL 7992 - Master's Project Part II
Must complete in final semester.

(Variable credit hour course)

Total Hours: 45

**Job Embedded Practitioner
Hours: 39**

****Courses with asterisks (**) have clinical/field hours connected to them. You will be expected to visit a school to complete these hours. Your course instructor will share the number of hours to be completed with you.****

- An application is required one (1) semester prior to The Clinical Teaching Semester – ICL 7808.
- All clinical teaching candidates must take the Professional Seminar to obtain licensure- ICL 7993.
- (No other courses may be taken with the clinical teaching semester and/or the ICL 7993 Current Trends in Diverse Education or 7992 Master's Project classes).
- Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from submitting the edTPA.