



Special Education (K-12)

Licensure

Master of Arts in Teaching

Department of Instruction & Curriculum Leadership

Advising Sheet

Welcome to the Special Education Program, which leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree and a Tennessee License to teach grades K-12. 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 are required to pass Praxis II or NES exams in order to be licensed to teach in Tennessee. For registration information, costs and more details go to www.ets.org or www.nestest.com, and use the state dropdown menu to find the correct required exams for Tennessee.
- **Job Embedded Practitioner (JEP) License:** For information go to: <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/licensure/jep-teaching-license.php>. Please contact Ms. Mary Lanier, mlanier@memphis.edu for more information.

Level 1 Course Work

Suggested Course Sequence

Fall I Semester (9 Hours)

- ❑ SPED 7000 - Critical Foundations/Inclusive Education **
- ❑ ICL 7105 (Interventionist License) OR SPED 7050 (Comprehensive License only)
- ❑ LITL 7552 - Foundational Skills: Phonological Awareness and Phonics

Spring I Semester (9 Hours)

- ❑ SPED 700I – Educational Assessment in Inclusive Settings
- ❑ LITL 7553 - Literacy in Grades PreK-4**
- ❑ EDPR 711I - Child Development Education or SPED 7015 - Teaching Students with Exceptionalities Across Differences and Abilities.

Summer I Semester (6 Hours)

- ❑ IDT 706I – Digital Literacy
- ❑ SPED 722I – Behavior Management in Special Education**

Requirements Timeline

Fall I Semester

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

Spring I Semester

- Continue Praxis/NES support and studying.
- Continue to take your Praxis II or NES 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 or NES 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 Course Work

Fall II Semester (6 Hours)

- EDPR 752I - Introduction to Research Design and Methodology
- ICL 7106 – Professional and Ethical Practice in Inclusive Classrooms

Spring II Semester (6 Hours)

- SPED 7212 - Methods and Content Area Instruction for All Learners**
- LITL 7554 – Literacy Development

Summer II Semester (3 Hours)

- SPED 751I – Intellectual Disabilities (Comprehensive License ONLY)

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Level 3 Course Work

Fall III Clinical Teaching Candidates (9 Hours)

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

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)

- Candidates should have completed all main coursework and passed **All Exam(s)**:
- **Interventionist**: Praxis: Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355) OR NES: Special Education (602)
- **Comprehensive**: Praxis: Special Education: Severe to Profound (5547) OR NES: Special Education (602)
- Praxis: Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) OR NES: Foundations of Reading (890)
- 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/>

Total Hours: 45 - 48

**Job Embedded Practitioner
Hours: 39 - 42**

****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.
- Up to 2 additional courses may be taken with ICL 7992 Master's Project.
- Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from clinical teaching.