

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 Ms. LaRuth Lofties, MAT Academic Counselor at llofties@memphis.edu.** ****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.****

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 exams in order 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>.
- **edTPA:** All candidates obtaining a MAT and a TN Teaching Licensure must complete The Professional Seminar (ICL 7993). Each candidate must complete and pass a nationally scored teacher performance assessment, edTPA.

Suggested Course Sequence	Requirements Timeline
Level 1 Course Work	
<u>Fall I Semester</u> <input type="checkbox"/> ECED – 7102 – Observation and Assessments of Infants, Toddlers & Young Children With & Without Disabilities** <input type="checkbox"/> ICL 7106 – Professional and Ethical Practices in an Inclusive Classroom**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam. • Please access Praxis Resources here. • Please contact Ms. Ayanna Perkins at prkins10@memphis.edu for additional resources and supports. • Begin taking your Praxis II Content exam(s).
<u>Spring I Semester</u> <input type="checkbox"/> ECED 6530 – Math and Science Methods** <input type="checkbox"/> ECED 6520 – Planning and Facilitating Early Childhood Social Learning and Development**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Praxis support and studying. • Continue to take your Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed. • Apply for TEP Admissions here. • If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.
<u>Summer I Semester</u> <input type="checkbox"/> EDPR 7111 – Child Psychology Applied to Education <input type="checkbox"/> ECED 6510 – Early Childhood Education Programs and Practices**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to take Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed and apply for TEP Admissions here. • If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.
Level 2 Course Work	
<u>Fall II Semester</u> <input type="checkbox"/> IDT 7061 – Instructional Design and Educational Technology <input type="checkbox"/> SPED 7000 – Introduction to Exceptional Learners**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Clinical Teaching application here.
<u>Spring II Semester</u> <input type="checkbox"/> EDPR 7521 – Introduction to Educational Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Clinical Teaching application here.

<p><u>Summer II Semester</u></p> <p>ECED 6540 – Infant and Toddler</p> <p>LITL 7553 – Literacy Development K-4</p>	
Level 3 Course Work	
<p><u>Fall III Semester</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ICL 7808 – The Clinical Teaching Semester</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ICL 7993 – Professional Seminar (REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed: <p><u>Early Childhood:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praxis 5024 (Education of Young Children) • Praxis 5025 (Early Childhood Education) • and Praxis 5205 (Teaching Reading) exams completed prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses (ICL 7808 - Clinical Teaching Semester and/or ICL 7993 - The Professional Seminar). <p>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/</p>
<p>TOTAL HOURS: 39</p> <p>JOB EMBEDDED PRACTITIONER HOURS: 33</p>	

- An application is required one (1) semester prior to The Clinical Teaching Semester – ICL 7808. Please visit the following website to learn more about Clinical Teaching: <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/clinical/clinical-teaching.php>.
 - All candidates must take the Professional Seminar - ICL 7993. (No other courses may be taken with the clinical teaching semester and/or the ICL 7993 Professional Seminar class).
 - Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from taking ICL 7808 - Clinical Teaching.
 - Candidates must successfully pass ICL 7993 including the edTPA.
 - Candidates will submit the “In Lieu of Clinical Teaching” packet (<http://www.memphis.edu/tep/clinical/inlieuofclinicalteaching.php>) when applying for graduation.
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