

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 Ms. LaRuth Lofties, MAT Academic Counselor at [llofties@memphis.edu](mailto: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](http://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
<b>Level 1 Course Work</b>	
<u>Fall I Semester</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 7000 - Introduction to Exceptional Learner**</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ICL 7105 – Language and Communication for Inclusive Classrooms</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 6601 – Student Physical and Health Disabilities (<b>Comprehensive ONLY</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam.</b></li> <li>• <b>Please access Praxis Resources <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> <li>• <b>Please contact Ms. Ayanna Perkins at <a href="mailto:prkins10@memphis.edu">prkins10@memphis.edu</a> for additional resources and supports.</b></li> <li>• <b>Begin taking your Praxis II Content exam(s).</b></li> </ul>
<u>Spring I Semester</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 7001 – Tests and Measurements for Exceptional Child/Adult</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ICL 7106 – Professional and Ethical Practice in Inclusive Classrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue Praxis support and studying.</li> <li>• Continue to take your Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.</li> <li>• <b>Apply for TEP Admissions <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> <li>• <b>If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.</b></li> </ul>
<u>Summer I Semester</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> EDPR 7111 – Child Psychology Applied to Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> EDPR 7521 - Introduction to Educational Research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to take Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed and <b>apply for TEP Admissions <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> <li>• <b>If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Level 2 Course Work</b>	
<u>Fall II Semester</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LITL 7553 – Literacy Development K-4 - Interventionist Requirement**</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 7221 – Behavior Management in Special Education**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complete Clinical Teaching application <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> </ul>
<u>Spring II Semester</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 7212 – Content Methods in Special Education**</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 7211 – Academic Instructions in Special Education**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Complete Clinical Teaching application <a href="#">here</a>.</b></li> </ul>

<p><u>Summer II Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 6000 – Methods and Materials Moderately and Severe Disabilities <b>(Comprehensive ONLY)</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SPED 7042 – Field Experience and Comprehensive Special Education <b>(Comprehensive ONLY)</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Level 3 Course Work</b>	
<p><u>Fall III Semester</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ICL 7808 – The Clinical Teaching Semester</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> ICL 7993 – Professional Seminar <b>(REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:</b></li> <li>• <b><i>SPED Comprehensive:</i></b> Praxis 5545 (SPED Core Knowledge &amp; Severe and Profound Applications) and Praxis 5205 (Teaching Reading) exams prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses (ICL 7808 - Clinical Teaching Semester and/or ICL 7993 - The Professional Seminar).</li> <li>• <b><i>SPED Interventionist:</i></b> Praxis 5543 (SPED Core Knowledge &amp; Mild to Moderate Applications) and Praxis 5205 (Teaching Reading) exams prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses (ICL 7808 - Clinical Teaching Semester and/or ICL 7993 - The Professional Seminar).</li> <li>• <b>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:</b>  <a href="https://www.memphis.edu/commencement/apply/">https://www.memphis.edu/commencement/apply/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE HOURS: 42</b>  <b>JOB EMBEDDED PRACTITIONER HOURS: 36</b>  <b>TOTAL INTERGRATED HOURS: 39</b>  <b>JOB EMBEDDED PRACTITIONER HOURS: 33</b></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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