Welcome to the Elementary Education Program, which leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree and a Tennessee License to teach grades K-5. 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.

- **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/jepteachinglicense.php. Please contact Ms. Mary Lanier, mlanier@memphis.edu for more information.
- **edTPA**: All candidates obtaining a MAT and TN Teaching Licensure must complete The Professional Seminar (ICL 7993). Each candidate must complete and pass a nationally scored teacher performance assessment, edTPA. You are only required to submit the edTPA portfolio if you are enrolled in ICL 7808. Job-embedded teacher candidates are not required to submit the edTPA.

**Level 1 Course Work**

**Suggested Course Sequence**

**Fall 1 Semester (6 hours)**
- SPED 7000 – Introduction to Exceptional Learners**
- ICL 7059 – Models of Instruction

**Spring I Semester (6 hours)**
- ICL 7709 – Urban Learning Environment**
- IDT 7061 – Instructional Design Education Technology

**Summer I Semester (6 hours)**
- EDPR 7111 – Child Psychology Applied to Education or SPED 7015 – Teaching Students with Exceptionalities Across Differences and Abilities
- LITL 7552 – Foundational Skills: Phonological Awareness and Phonics

**Requirements Timeline**

**Fall I Semester**
- Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exams.
- Required Exams: 5001 (Elementary Education) and 5205 (Teaching Reading)

**Spring I Semester**
- Continue Praxis support and studying.
- Continue to take your Praxis Content exam(s).
- 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 needed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.
**Fall II Course Work (9 hours)**
- LITL 7553 – Literacy Development K-4**
- ICL 7654 – Methods for Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary Grades
- ICL 7605 – Methods for Teaching Science in the Elementary Grades**

**Spring II Semester (9 hours)**
- LITL 7554 – Literacy Development 5-8**
- ICL 7504 – Methods for Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades**
- EDPR 7521 – Introduction to Educational Research

**Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:**
- Praxis 5001 (Elementary Education) exam 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/

**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.**

**Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from submitting the edTPA.**

**Level 2 Course Work**

**Level 3 Course Work**