



# Elementary K-5 Licensure Master of Arts in Teaching

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College of Education

## Department of Instruction & Curriculum Leadership

### Advising Sheet

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](mailto: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](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/jepteachinglicense.php>. Please contact Ms. Mary Lanier, [mlanier@memphis.edu](mailto: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 I 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 706I – Instructional Design Education Technology

#### Summer I Semester (6 hours)

- EDPR 7III - 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: 500I (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.

\*\*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 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\*\*

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

## Spring II Semester (9 hours)

- LITL 7554 – Literacy Development 5-8\*\*
- ICL 7504 – Methods for Teaching Math in the Elementary Grades\*\*
- EDPR 752I - Introduction to Educational Research

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

\*\*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 3 Course Work

## Fall III Clinical Teaching Candidates (9 hours)

- ICL 7808 – The Clinical Teaching Semester
- ICL 7993 – Professional Seminar

Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:

- Praxis 500I (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/>

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

- ICL 7992 - Master's Project



- 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 Professional Seminar or 7992 Master's Project classes).
- Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from submitting the edTPA.