

Can you take the examination at a non-University location?

Yes, you may take the Praxis I at a Sylvan Learning Center. Call 1-800-EDUCATE for additional information.

What can I do to improve my chances of passing the Praxis?

The Office of Field Experiences conducts Praxis Workshops at various times throughout the year. Call 662-846-4405 for additional information.

What if my undergraduate grade point average (GPA) is lower than 2.75 overall or less than 2.75 on the last 60 hours?

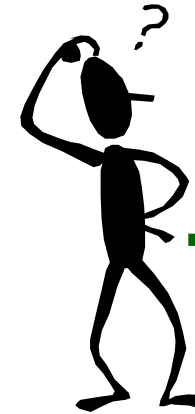
It is recommended that you take additional *undergraduate* coursework to raise your GPA.

**For more information,
see our website:
mat.deltastate.edu**

Send completed applications to
Dr. Angela Bridges
Coordinator of MAT
P. O. Box 3112
Delta State University
Cleveland, MS 38733



As an institution of higher education and in the spirit of its policies of equal employment opportunity, the University declares its policy of equal education opportunity. All applicants for admission will be considered without regard to an applicant's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability related to program performance, disabled veteran status, or Vietnam era veteran status.



**THINKING
ABOUT
TEACHING?**

THINK MAT!

Get the FAQ's!
**(Frequently-Asked
Questions)**

**Delta State University's
Master of Arts in Teaching
Program (MAT)**

Master of Arts in Teaching

What is the MAT Program?

The MAT is an alternate-route program designed for promising individuals with non-education degrees who want to become teachers. It leads to a master's degree in teaching and Mississippi AA licensure.

What subject(s) can I teach with the MAT degree?

The Mississippi Department of Education grants MAT licensure in eighteen areas:

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Elementary Education (grades 4-8 only)
- English
- French
- German
- Home Economics
- Marketing
- Math
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Social Studies
- Spanish
- Speech Communications
- Technology Education

What if I want to teach in a content area I did not get my degree in?

Take and pass the Praxis in that area.



How long does the MAT program take?

It takes approximately 15 months.

What are the minimum requirements for admission?

The Mississippi Department of Education requires:

- a bachelor's degree from a regionally/nationally accredited institution
- a passing score on both the Praxis I and II

What additional requirements does Delta State have?

- A minimum undergraduate overall GPA of 2.75 or 2.75 GPA on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- Admission to the Delta State University Graduate School
- Submission of the MAT Portfolio, which includes three references letters and an essay, to the MAT Program Coordinator

Why is the GPA so important?

It is one indication of content knowledge.

How many hours does the MAT program require?

- Secondary Track—30 hours
- Elementary Track—33 hours

When are applications accepted?

Applications (must include passing Praxis scores) will be accepted during the spring semester..

Can I join the MAT anytime?

No, the cohort runs from summer to summer, although some of the courses offered in the MAT Program of Study may be open to all graduate students.

What does a MAT course cost?

Each MAT course costs the same per credit hour as other graduate courses. Limited financial aid may be available to eligible candidates.

Where can I find information about the Praxis tests?

- Educational Testing Service:
<http://www.ets.org/praxis> or 1-800-772-9476
- Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE):
1-800-530-7988
- Mississippi Teacher Center at 601-359-3631
- State Student Financial Aid at 1-800-327-2980
- Office of Licensure at 601-359-3483
- *MS Teacher Fellowship Program*:
1-888-611-5160