

## DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

### Cleveland, Mississippi

Delta State University is a public institution providing a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum. It offers 12 baccalaureate degrees in 38 majors and seeks to meet the need for advanced training in certain fields by providing programs of study for nine master's degrees, the Educational Specialist degree and the Doctor of Education degree.

Serving as the cultural and educational center of the region, Delta State University is located in Cleveland, Mississippi. The Mississippi Delta is a 20-county area located in the northwest region of the state. Delta State University is committed to producing graduates that are able to think critically, communicate clearly, and demonstrate technological savvy in a globally competitive marketplace.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

The College of Education operates corroboratively with the other colleges and schools in the university, the university staff, and outside agencies to produce professional graduates who will be effective in the field of human learning and services. The College of Education strives for a stimulating, positive environment and provides its students with professional faculty who emulate and model the professional competencies, skills, and dispositions expected of Delta State University graduates from the College of Education.

Within the College of Education, numerous degree programs exist that train professional educators to address societal, educational, and personal needs. All educator preparation programs are designed to prepare individuals to function in professional service careers. At all levels and in all areas, graduates are prepared to positively impact societal needs through their particular professional area(s) of study.

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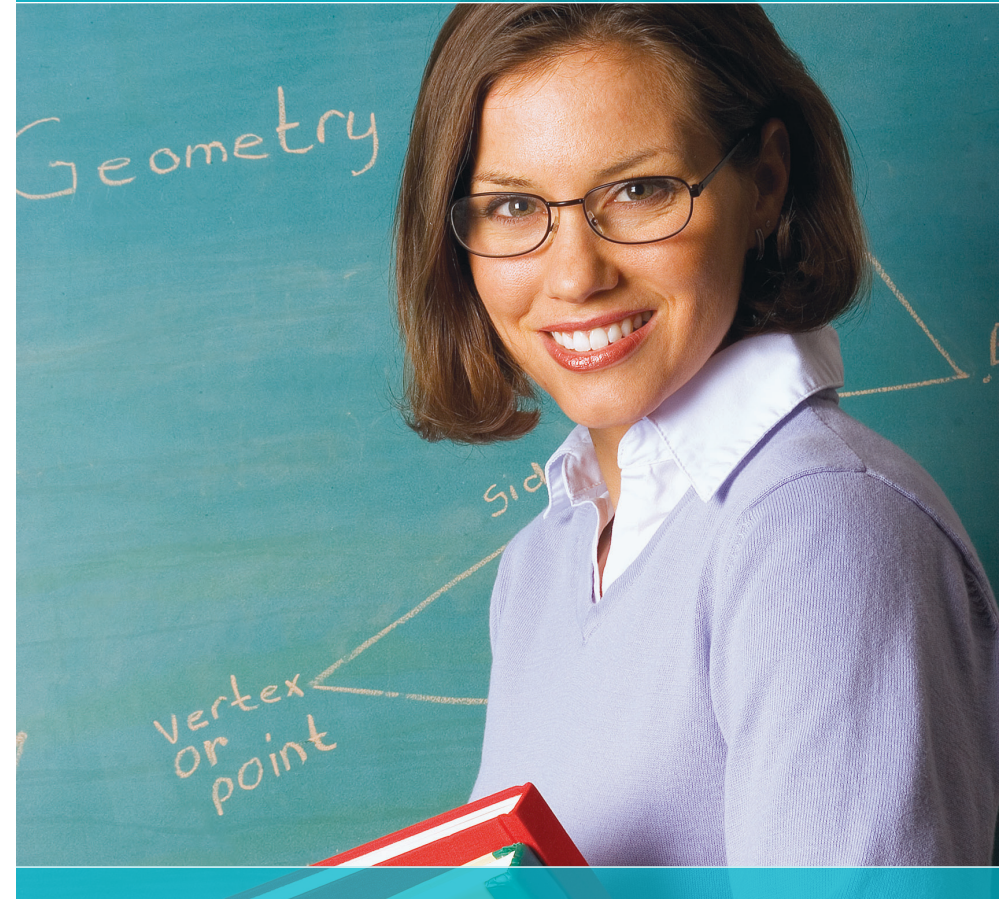
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DIVISION OF TEACHER EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, & RESEARCH

# Master of Arts in Teaching



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# 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 MS Department of Education grants MAT licensure in 18 areas:

- Art (0133)
- Biology (0235)
- Business (0101)
- Chemistry (0245)
- Elementary Education (4–6) (0014)
- English (0041)
- French (0174)
- German (0183)
- Home Economics (0120)
- Marketing (0560)
- Math (0061)
- Music (0113)
- Physical Education (0091)
- Physics (0265)
- Social Studies (0081)
- Spanish (0195)
- Speech Communications (0220)
- Technology Education (0050)

## 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 13 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
- Applicant must secure a teaching position for the fall and spring semesters matching the Praxis II content area passed

## 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 February 1 through April 30.

## 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.

## 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.

## Where can I find information about the Praxis tests?

Educational Testing Service:  
[www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis) or 1.800.772.9476  
 Mississippi Association of Educators (MAE):  
 1.800.530.7988  
 Mississippi Teacher Center:  
 601.359.3631  
 State Student Financial Aid:  
 1.800.327.2980  
 Office of Licensure:  
 601.359.3483  
 MS Teacher Fellowship Program:  
 1.888.611.5160

## 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 Praxis website can be checked for resources and study guides. The Learning Curve, a new area of the Ewing Technology Lab at Delta State also offers resources to help you prepare for the Praxis.

For more information, log on to the Master of Arts in Teaching website: [mat.deltastate.edu](http://mat.deltastate.edu)