

MAT Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can this program be completed 100% online?
 - a. This program is 100% online excluding the capstone internship which is completed in a Polk County Public School. However, most students receive their Professional Teaching Certificate and transfer into the Master of Education in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction program where no internship is required.
2. Is financial aid available?
 - a. Students seeking financial aid should complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility.
3. What is the cost of textbooks?
 - a. The cost of textbooks varies each semester and by course.
4. How many classes is considered full time?
 - a. A student is considered full time when taking a minimum of 8 credit hours at the graduate level.
5. Do I need to be fingerprinted with the Polk County School Board prior to being accepted?
 - a. Yes, fingerprinted is required before your application can be completed.
6. I don't have a background in education, is this program for me?
 - a. Yes, this program is designed for individuals who have a bachelor's in an area other than education or do not hold a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate.
7. Do I have to complete the Florida Teacher Certificate Exams (FTCE)?
 - a. Yes, all MAT students must complete the FTCE within the first 12 credit hours in the program.
8. Which FTCE do I need to complete?
 - a. MAT students must pass the General Knowledge Test (GKT), Professional Educator Test (PED), and Subject Area Exam (SAE) in the subject area they plan to teach.
9. Can I do the internship in any subject area?
 - a. You must complete the Subject Area Exam in one of FSC's FLDOE's seven approved undergraduate programs.
10. How will I know which classes to take each semester?
 - a. Your academic advisor will create a schedule for you to follow from beginning to end of the program. Your academic advisor will assist you in registering for courses each semester and will ensure you are completing all requirements throughout the program.
11. How long does it take to complete the program?
 - b. Most students complete the program coursework in as few as four semesters then complete the internship during the fifth semester.
12. I'm teaching on a Florida Temporary Teaching Certificate; do I need to complete the internship?
 - a. You must complete the internship if you stay in the MAT program. However, once you complete your items on the FLDOE Letter of Eligibility, you will earn your Florida Professional Teaching Certificate. At that time, you can be switched to the MED TCI program which includes the same eight online courses, just excludes the internship.