



FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

4+1 MASTER OF ARTS

TRANSFORMATIONAL CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Florida Southern's School of Education is dedicated to prepare those who are looking to enter the field of education. This program is designed for individuals interested in becoming a teacher and earning a curriculum and instruction degree that provides advanced classroom teaching skills through research-based strategies and techniques. This degree is focused on transformational teaching methods including active, student-centered, collaborative, experiential, and problem-based learning. These methods combined with the examination of how dynamic relationships between teachers, students, and a shared body of knowledge in the transformational teaching field will promote increased student performance, personal growth, and explore the positive impact that highly effective instructional leaders make on their students.

Early Admission (4+1 MAT)

Students are encouraged to apply for admission during their junior year. If admitted, seniors may enroll in one graduate course during their first semester and one graduate course during their second semester.

Convenient Schedule

- Scheduling is flexible and convenient for professionals with full-time employment.
- Coursework is delivered 100% online.

Small Classes

Highly distinguished faculty are dedicated to supporting students in earning this degree. In addition to dedicated faculty, you will have small classes which will provide one-on-one attention and allow you to learn in an online format with your cohort.

Academic Advisor

From the moment you enroll, the MAT Director will be assigned as your secondary Academic Advisor to see you through your graduate experience from start to finish. Your advisors will help you develop an educational plan that matches your schedule and priorities.

Concentration Coursework

Throughout the Master of Arts program, students may choose to extend their learning by enrolling in the Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Reading Approach or STEM Concentrations courses.

These courses will provide excellent professional development with strategies and techniques that will engage the students they teach while providing maximum opportunities for student growth and learning.

Contact Information

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THE MASTER OF ARTS 4+1 PROGRAM IS A DYNAMIC OPPORTUNITY ALLOWING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ACROSS DISCIPLINES TO BEGIN GRADUATE COURSEWORK. STUDENTS CAN SAVE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AND TIME EARNING THIS PRESTIGIOUS DEGREE. THIS GRADUATE TEACHING DEGREE PREPARES FUTURE TEACHERS TO WORK WITH DIVERSE POPULATIONS AND ENGAGE K-12 STUDENTS IN LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES.”

– Brooke Veal, MAT in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction Director

Program Requirements

A passing score is required on all sections of the Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) within the first 12 semester hours of MAT coursework.

Required Courses

- EDU 6910** Transformational Teaching and Learning
- EDU 6920** Transformational Learning Environments
- EDU 6930** Transformational Teaching and Learning through Research
- EDU 6940** Transformational Approaches to Curriculum and Instruction
- EDU 6950** Transformational Teaching and Learning with Diverse Populations
- EDU 6960** Assessing Transformational Teaching and Learning
- EDU 6970** Transformational Instructional Leadership
- EDU 6980** Advanced Research in Transformational Teaching and Learning
- EDU 6610** Internship
- EDU 6640** Student Teaching Seminar

Total **42 hours**

Admission Requirements

- Completed online application (students are encouraged to apply for admission during their junior year)
- Must have 93+ credit hours completed at the start of the program
- GPA of a 3.0 or higher
- MAT in Transformational Curriculum and Instruction Director Approval
- Photocopy of ID, passport, or driver’s license
- Completion of a background check clearance from the Polk County School Board (PCSB)

*Self-directed interest inventory evaluation may be required

Financial Aid

Undergraduate financial aid is available during enrollment prior to undergraduate graduation. After a student graduates with an undergraduate degree and receives Florida Professional Teaching Certificate, graduate financial aid will become available. For more information on graduate program financial aid, contact the Financial Aid Office at 863.680.4140.

Program Costs

Admitted undergraduate students will be allowed to complete a maximum of six credit hours of graduate work. These credits will count toward their MAT degree requirements. Any MAT courses attempted in the fall or spring semesters before receiving the undergraduate degree will be charged at the traditional undergraduate full-time tuition rate. Graduate courses taken after the student receives their undergraduate degree will be billed at the current MAT per credit hour rate.

Next Steps

- Talk to your Admission Counselor about what Florida Southern has to offer you
- Attend an information session
- Complete the application online at **www.flsouthern.edu/apply**
- For more information, please call 863.680.4205

