



**University of Houston-Downtown  
College of Public Service  
Department of Urban Education**

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with Grades 4-8 Texas Educator Certification and ESL  
Supplemental Certification**

The Master of Teaching (MAT) degree with Grades 4-8 Certification prepares graduates to teach the core subjects in elementary and middle school settings. Additionally, the program prepares graduates to provide sheltered instruction to ESL students in mainstream and self-contained 4-8 class settings. Program graduates are eligible to earn Texas Educator Certification in 4-8 Core Subjects (TExES 291) and English as a Second Language Supplemental (TExES 154).

*Note: The courses in this program are taught using a hybrid of face-to-face and online instruction. MAT 6601, a six credit-hour course, requires a semester of full-time student teaching.*

**Instructional Methods Courses 12 credit-hours)**

MAT 6310 Reading in a Multicultural Classroom (fall)

MAT 5316 Mathematics Methods for 4-8

MAT 5303 Science Methods (spring)

MAT 5319 Social Studies Methods (spring)

**Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Courses (6 credit-hours)**

ESL 5334 Foundations of ESL Education, Cultural Awareness, and Family/Community Involvement (spring)

ESL 5333 ESL Instruction/Assessment and the Acquisition of Language Concepts (summer)

**Educational Technology Course (3 credit-hours)**

ETC 5301 Technology Application for Curriculum Development and Instruction (summer)

**Child Development Course (3 credit-hours)**

MAT 6311 Advanced Study of Child Development and Diversity (summer)

**Capstone Course (3 credit-hours)**

MAT 6390 or ESL 6390 Directed Study in Urban Education (Prerequisites: 12 credit-hours of methods courses) (fall, spring, and summer)

**Educational Research Course (3 credit-hours)**

MAT 6317 Classroom-Based Research (Prerequisites: 12 credit-hours of methods courses, Corequisite: MAT 6601) (spring)

**Student Teaching (6 credit-hours)**

MAT 6601 MAT with Certification Student Teaching (6 credit-hours) (Corequisite: MAT 6317) (spring)

## How to Apply and Admission Requirements

- Apply for the UHD MAT program: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (Clearly state you are applying for the MAT with 4-8 Core Subjects and ESL Supplemental Certification on your application and in your personal statement)
- Submit official transcripts that depict an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Submit GRE scores: Quantitative, Verbal, and Analytical Writing (Note: No GRE scores are required if your undergraduate GPA or last 60-hours GPA is 3.0 or higher)
- Submit three professional recommendation forms using the MAT Recommendation Form: [https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/MAT\\_Recommendation\\_Form\\_apr10.pdf](https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/MAT_Recommendation_Form_apr10.pdf)
- Submit a written personal statement of 250 words explaining why you want to pursue an MAT with 4-8 Core Subjects and ESL Supplemental Certification
- Submit TOEFL scores (if baccalaureate degree coursework was in a language other than English)
- Submit all materials via [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) or to Mr. Rubenjack Long in UHD Graduate Admissions (Office: N-353, [longr@uhd.edu](mailto:longr@uhd.edu), 713-223-7935)
- Application Due: August 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall, January 19<sup>th</sup> for Spring, and May 31<sup>st</sup> for Summer
- For admission assistance or to check if your application is complete, please contact Mr. Rubenjack Long at UHD Graduate Admissions (contact information above).

*The MAT degree program requires completion of a minimum of 36 semester credit-hours. For degree completion, at least 30 hours must be completed at UH-Downtown with a grade point average of 3.0. In addition, students must successfully complete a directed studies project (MAT 6390 or ESL 6390) with approval of the MAT in 4-8 Core Subjects mentor and under the supervision of an appointed faculty advisor.*

### **Total MAT Program Tuition/Fees (36 Credit Hours)**

\$12,600 (Based on fall, 2015 tuition/fees, taking two classes per semester)

Note: Tuition prices can change, and taking fewer than two classes per semester will raise the total program price of tuition/fees. This program cost estimate does not include books, materials, and living expenses.

### **Scholarship Assistance**

All UHD MAT students are encouraged to apply for the Gordon and Mary Cain Graduate Academic Merit Scholarship. This scholarship will pay for half the price of UHD MAT tuition/fees. Students can earn this scholarship more than once during the course of their MAT program. Application: [https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/scholarship-graduate-gordon\\_mary\\_cain.pdf](https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/scholarship-graduate-gordon_mary_cain.pdf)

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