



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

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with Core Subjects 4-8 and ESL Supplemental Certification

The Master of Teaching (MAT) degree with Core Subjects 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 Core Subjects 4-8 (TExES 211) 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. Program participants must complete a semester of student teaching, pass the TExES PPR, Core Subjects 4-8, and ESL Supplemental Tests, and graduate with master's degree to earn a Texas Educator Certification.

Instructional Methods Courses 12 credit hours)

MAT 6310 Reading in a Multicultural Classroom (fall)

MAT 5316 Mathematics Methods for 4-8 (spring)

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 (summer 1)

ESL 5333 ESL Instruction/Assessment and the Acquisition of Language Concepts (summer 3)

Educational Technology Course (3 credit hours)

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

Educational Research Courses (6 credit hours)

MAT 6315 Introduction to Educational Research (summer 2)

MAT 6317 Classroom-Based Research (Prerequisite: MAT 6315, Co-requisite: MAT 6601) (fall)

Student Teaching (6 credit hours)

MAT 6601 MAT with Certification Student Teaching (6 credit-hours) (Co-requisite: MAT 6317) (fall)

Capstone Course (3 credit hours)

MAT 6390 Directed Study in Urban Education (Prerequisites: 12 credit hours of methods courses; 6 hours of research courses) (fall, spring, or summer)

How to Apply and Admission Requirements

- Apply for the UHD MAT program: www.applytexas.org (Clearly state you are applying for the MAT with Core Subjects 4-8 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; required if undergraduate degree is more than 10 years old)
- Submit three professional recommendation forms using the MAT Recommendation Form: [MAT Recommendation Form](#)
- Submit a written personal statement of 250 words explaining why you want to pursue an MAT with Core Subjects 4-8 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 or to Mr. Rubenjack Long in UHD Graduate Admissions (Office: N-353, longr@uhd.edu, 713-223-7935)
- Application Due: July 15th for Fall, or November 15th for Spring
- For admission assistance or to check if your application is complete, please contact Mr. Rubenjack Long at UHD Graduate Admissions (contact information above).
- Submit passing score on [TExES Pre-Admission Content Test](#) (PACT) Scores for Core Subject 4-8 for applications submitted for Spring 2018 admission.

After Admission into MATA

- Submit an [application for Teacher Candidacy](#) and schedule your interview

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) under the supervision of an appointed faculty advisor.

Total MAT Program Tuition/Fees (36 Credit Hours)

\$15,100 (Based on fall, 2017 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: [Gordon Mary Cain Graduate Academic Merit Scholarship Application](#)

Contacts

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UHD MAT Website: www.uhd.edu/mat