



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

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Curriculum and Instruction with an area of expertise
in Early Childhood Studies**

Note: The courses in this degree plan are taught using a hybrid of face-to-face and online instruction. This program does not lead to initial Texas Educator Certification.

Early Childhood Studies Courses (18 credit-hours)

ECH 6301 Using Best Practices to Support Intentional Teaching of Young Learners
ECH 6302 Trends & Issues in EC Research & Practice
ECH 6303 Play Based Curriculum: Inquiry & Instructional Strategies
ECH 6304 Observation and Assessment of Young Children
MAT 6311 Advanced Study of Child Development and Diversity
MAT 6380 Practicum for Urban Teachers (spring)

Multicultural Education Courses (6 credit-hours)

MAT 6310 Reading in a Multicultural Classroom (fall)
MAT 6316 Advanced Methods for the Culturally Diverse Classroom (fall)

Educational Research Courses (6 credit-hours)

MAT 6315 Introduction to Educational Research (fall)
MAT 6317 Classroom-Based Research (spring)

Educational Technology Course (3 credit-hours)

MAT 6318 Technology Applications for Curriculum Development and Instruction (summer)

Capstone Course (3 credit-hours)

MAT 6390 Directed Study in Urban Education (*Take in final semester of program*)
(fall, spring, and summer)

How to Apply and Admission Requirements

- Minimum GPA of 2.5 (Note: Applicants with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are exempt from the GRE requirement)
- Official transcript which depicts an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited university and any graduate credit earned (Note: Applicants with 10 or more years since enrollment and/or since earning an undergraduate degree are required to take and submit GRE scores)
- GRE scores (Quantitative and Verbal combined: 150 or higher, and Analytical Writing: 4 or higher)
- 3 professional recommendation letters
- Written personal statement (**250 words minimum**)

- Earned required number of points based on the MAT admission multiple criteria index
- Submitted TOEFL scores (if applicable)
- Application Due: July 15th for Fall; November 15th for Spring
- 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)
- 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) with approval of the MAT in Early Childhood Studies mentor and under the supervision of an appointed faculty advisor. This master's degree does not include initial Texas Teacher Certification.

Total MAT Tuition/Fees (12 classes)

\$13,908 (Texas resident, based on Fall 2016 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. Tuition for non-Texas residents and international students is higher. UHD Graduate Tuition/Fees information is available here: <https://www.uhd.edu/student-resources/cashiers/Pages/cashiers-grad-tuition2017.aspx>

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

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