



**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

- Apply for the UHD MAT program: www.applytexas.org (Clearly state you are applying for the MAT in Early Childhood Studies 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
- Submit a written personal statement of 250 words explaining why you want to pursue an MAT in Early Childhood Studies
- 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: August 15th for Fall, January 19th for Spring, and May 31st 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) 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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UHD MAT Website: www.uhd.edu/mat