



**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.*

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>
MAT 6310	Reading in a Multicultural Classroom	Fall 1
MAT 6315	Introduction to Educational Research	Fall 1
ECH 6301*	Using Best Practices to Support Intentional Teaching of Young Learners	Spring 1
ECH 6303*	Play Based Curriculum: Inquiry & Instructional Strategies	Spring 1
MAT 6311	Advanced Study of Child Development and Diversity	Spring 1
ECH 6301*	Trends & Issues in EC Research & Practice	Summer 1
ECH 6304*	Observation and Assessment of Young Children	Summer 1
ETC 5301	Technology Applications for Curriculum Development	Summer 1
MAT 6316	Advanced Methods for the Culturally Diverse Classroom	Fall 2
MAT 6380	Practicum for Urban Teachers	Spring 2
MAT 6317	Classroom-Based Research (prerequ MAT 6415)	Spring 2
MAT 6390	Directed Study in Urban Education ( <i>Taken in the last semester</i> )	Summer 2

\*pending approval

Please note course prerequisites and course offerings. Also, some courses are offered only once a year. The above recommended course sequence is based on the course rotation (plans to offer courses).

Semester 1-taken in the first year

Semester 2-taken in the second year

*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.*

**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/Pages/gordon\\_mary\\_cain\\_graduate\\_scholarship\\_application.aspx](https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Pages/gordon_mary_cain_graduate_scholarship_application.aspx)

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