



**Do you want
to become
a teacher?**

Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education

Why is the MAT in Elementary Education a Great Choice

The Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education is a cohort program, which means that you will go through the program as part of a group of students and take most of your courses together in the same sequence. In addition to the core curriculum, your course work will also include instructional methods and assessment practices, reading assessments, literacy instruction and the nature and management of elementary classrooms. Two internships are part of the program; these internships include a diverse range of settings such as urban, suburban and rural schools which will help you develop an understanding of educating children from a variety of cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds.

What kind of work will I be able to do?

The program is designed to help you to become a professional educator, whether you have recently finished an undergraduate program in another field, or are interested in a career change. It leads to initial teacher certification in Elementary Education from the state of South Carolina. The majority of our graduates obtain full-time elementary teaching positions in school districts across South Carolina and become leaders in their schools and districts because of the depth and breadth of their preparation. In addition, on completing the program, you will receive the Read to Succeed endorsement required for South Carolina educators.



The University of South Carolina is an equal opportunity institution.

Highlights

- Teacher certification in grades 2-6.
- Rich experiences in diverse schools with exemplary mentor teachers through embedded field experiences in methods courses.
- Certification with a Master's degree that meets SC Reads to Succeed legislation.
- Two built-in internships that provide hands-on experiences with children.

Teacher candidates learn content specific theories, and they are given opportunities to apply those theories through embedded field experiences in elementary schools working one on one with their "small teachers" or elementary students. Immediate feedback and coaching from their professors and cooperating teachers help the teacher candidates hone their expertise in teaching and learning.

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