

Welcome to the early Childhood Program, which leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree and a Tennessee License to teach grades PreK-3. This degree sheet is a guide for selecting and sequencing courses required in the MAT program. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Paris Samuels, MAT Academic Counselor, at pnkelsey@memphis.edu.

- **Teacher Education Program (TEP):** MAT candidates must apply for admission to TEP before the end of the second semester and fulfill all TEP requirements. Candidates must have a 3.0 graduate GPA to be admitted to TEP and maintain a 3.0 GPA while in the graduate program.
- **Licensure Exams:** Candidates must pass Praxis II exams to be licensed to teach in Tennessee. For registration information, costs, and more details, go to www.ets.org, click on Praxis, and use the dropdown menu to find the correct required exams.
- **Job Embedded Practitioner (JEP) License:** For information, go to <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/licensure/jep-teaching-license.php>. Please contact Ms. Mary Lanier at mlanier@memphis.edu for more information.
- **edTPA:** All candidates obtaining a MAT and TN Teaching License must complete The Professional Seminar (ICL 7993). Each candidate must also complete and pass a nationally scored teacher performance assessment (edTPA Early Childhood). You are only required to submit the edTPA portfolio if you are enrolled in ICL 7808. Job-embedded teacher candidates are not required to submit the edTPA.

Level 1: Strategies for Teaching & Learning

Suggested Course Sequence

Fall I Semester (6 Hours)

- ECED 7102 - Observation, Documentation, and Assessment of Young Children**
- ECED 6510 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Early Childhood Education Programs and Practices**

Spring I Semester (6 Hours)

- ECED 6520 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Planning and Facilitating Early Childhood Social Learning and Development**
- ECED 6530 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Math and Science Methods**

Summer I Semester (6 Hours)

- EDPR 7111 - Child Development and Education or SPED 7015 - Teaching Students with Exceptionalities Across Differences and Abilities
- ICL 7106 - Professional and Ethical Practices in a Inclusive Classroom**

Requirements Timeline

Fall I Semester

- Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam.
- Please access Praxis Resources [here](#).
- Required Exams: 5025 (Early Childhood Education), 5692 (SPED: Preschool/Early Childhood Education), 5205 (Teaching Reading).

Spring I Semester

- Continue Praxis support and studying.
- Continue to take your Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.
- **If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.**

Summer I Semester

- Continue to take Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.

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Level 2: Applied Foundations for Teaching & Learning

Fall II Semester(6 Hours)

- LITL 7552 – Foundation Skills: Phonological Awareness and Phonics
- ECED 6540 (ECED/SPED integrated content) - Infant and Toddler**

Spring II Semester (9 Hours)

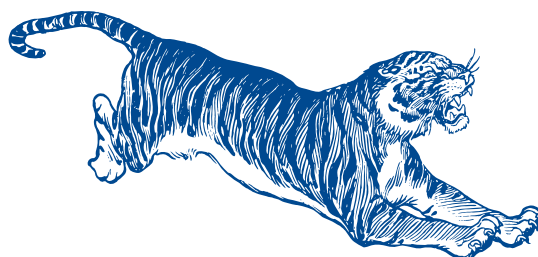
- IDT 706I – Digital Literacy
- LITL 7553 - Literacy in Grades PreK-4
- EDPR 752I - Introduction to Research Design and Methodology

Summer II Semester (3 Hours)

- SPED 7000 – Critical Foundations/Inclusive Education**

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

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Level 3: Professional Development

Fall III Clinical Teaching Candidates (9 hours)

- ICL 7808 – The Clinical Teaching Semester
- ICL 7993 – Current Trends in Diverse Education

Fall III Job-Embedded Candidates (3 Hours)

- ICL 7992 - Master's Project

- Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:
- Early Childhood:
- Praxis 5692 (SPED: Preschool/Early Childhood Education)
- Praxis 5025 (Early Childhood Education) completed prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses.
- Praxis 5205-Elementary Reading
- Apply for graduation through myMemphis.edu student portal at the beginning of the semester you plan to graduate. Please go to this link for information on the steps to graduate:
<https://www.memphis.edu/commencement/apply/>

Total Hours: 45

Job Embedded Practitioner Hours: 39

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- An application is required one (I) semester prior to The Clinical Teaching Semester – ICL 7808.
- All clinical teaching candidates must take the Professional Seminar to obtain licensure- ICL 7993.
- (No other courses may be taken with the clinical teaching semester and/or the ICL 7993 Current Trends in Diverse Education or 7992 Master's Project classes).
- Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from submitting the edTPA.

