



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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College of Education

Special Education (K-12) Licensure

Master of Arts in Teaching

Department of Instruction & Curriculum Leadership

Advising Sheet

Welcome to the Special Education Program, which leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree and a Tennessee License to teach grades K-12. 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 are required to pass Praxis II exams in order 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, mlanier@memphis.edu for more information.
- **edTPA:** All candidates obtaining a MAT and TN Teaching Licensure must complete The Professional Seminar (ICL 7993). Each candidate must complete and pass a nationally scored teacher performance assessment, edTPA. 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 Course Work

Suggested Course Sequence

Fall I Semester (9 Hours)

- ❑ SPED 7000 - Critical Foundations/Inclusive Education **
- ❑ ICL 7105 (Interventionist License) OR SPED 7050 (Comprehensive License only)
- ❑ LITL 7552 - Foundational Skills: Phonological Awareness and Phonics

Spring I Semester (6 Hours)

- ❑ SPED 7001 – Educational Assessment in Inclusive Settings
- ❑ LITL 7553 - Literacy in Grades PreK-4**

Summer I Semester (6 Hours)

- ❑ EDPR 7111 - Child Development Education or SPED 7015 - Teaching Students with Exceptionalities Across Differences and Abilities
- ❑ SPED 7212 - Methods and Content Area Instruction for All Learners**

Requirements Timeline

Fall I Semester

- Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam.
- Please access Praxis Resources [here](#).
- Required Exams: 5355 (SPED Interventionist: Foundational Knowledge), 5547 (SPED Comprehensive: Severe to Profound), and 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.

Courses with asterisks () have clinical/field hours connected to them. You will be expected to visit a school to complete these hours. Your course instructor will share the number of hours to be completed with you.**

Level 2 Course Work

Fall II Semester (6 Hours)

- LITL 7554 – Literacy Development
- SPED 722I – Behavior Management in Special Education**

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

Spring II Semester (9 Hours)

- IDT 706I – Digital Literacy
- ICL 7106 – Professional and Ethical Practice in Inclusive Classrooms
- EDPR 752I - Introduction to Research Design and Methodology

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

Summer II Semester (3 Hours)

- SPED 75II – Intellectual Disabilities (Comprehensive License ONLY)



Level 3 Course Work

Fall III Clinical Teaching Candidates (9 Hours)

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

- Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:
- SPED Interventionist: Praxis 5355 (SPED Foundational Knowledge) exam prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses.
- SPED Comprehensive: Praxis 5547 (SPED Severe to Profound) exam 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/>

Fall III Job-Embedded Candidates (3 Hours)

- ICL 7992 - Master's Project

Total Hours: 45

Job Embedded Practitioner Hours: 39

****Courses with asterisks (**) have clinical/field hours connected to them. You will be expected to visit a school to complete these hours. Your course instructor will share the number of hours to be completed with you.****

- An application is required one (1) 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.