

The path to become a teacher in P-12, middle, or secondary grades

1. At Covenant College, you can become a teacher in P-12, middle, or secondary grades by majoring in one of several fields, followed by a fifth year as a graduate student in the **Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)**. In order to apply to the MAT, candidates must earn a BA degree in one of the following content fields: art, French, German, music, Spanish, or theatre (for grades P-12), Education Studies (for grades 4-8), or Bible, biology, chemistry, economics, English, history, mathematics, political science, or physics (for grades 6-12).

2. As a freshman, enroll in **EDU 121 Introduction to Teaching**. This course is required of all students interested in applying to the MAT. In addition, you may choose to minor in Education, which allows you to meet EDU course requirements for the MAT.

3. Also as a freshman, meet with your advisor in your major **as well as** your Education Department advisor to map out your four-year course plan. Contact the Administrative Assistant in the Education office (BH305) if you need the name of your Education advisor. Note: all pre-MAT students must take **EDU 121 Introduction to Teaching**, **EDU 222 Educational Psychology**, and **EDU 361 Education of Exceptional Children**.

4. **During your senior year**, apply to the MAT. For admission, candidates must have a 3.0 or higher GPA in content area courses and an overall undergraduate GPA of 2.5.

5. **The GACE Program Admission test** is required for admission to the MAT. You may be exempt from this test based on your SAT or ACT scores*. If not, passing scores on this GACE test are required.

*Scores required for exemption: SAT: 1000 – combined Critical Reading and Math; ACT: 43 – combined English and Math. To register for the GACE tests, go to www.gace.ets.org.

6. The **GACE Content Assessment** is also required for admission to the MAT. For more information, go to www.gace.ets.org or www.mat.covenant.edu/admissions-requirements/

7. After your **BA graduation**, MAT courses begin in June. The MAT is an eleven-month program.

8. **Upon completion of the MAT and related requirements**, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) stating that you have successfully completed a state approved Teacher Education Program. You will also be eligible to receive a teaching certificate from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).