

# SECONDARY AND MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION, M.A.T.

## e-Learning

The Master of Arts in Teaching, Middle Grades and Secondary program (grades 6-12) is an 11-month program for students who have completed a baccalaureate degree and who are seeking a teaching certificate in secondary and middle grades education.

Applicants to this program should preferably have an undergraduate degree in a subject normally taught in Alaska secondary schools (e.g. English, social studies, mathematics, sciences, music, etc.) or be willing to take courses in that subject area to strengthen their content background.

The program requires a full-time, year-long teaching internship in an Alaskan middle school or secondary school. Internship placements for this program are made throughout Alaska. A total of 34 graduate credits are required.

To be considered in the first round for the upcoming cohort, candidates must apply by April 1st and submit all application materials by April 15th. A secondary review of applicants will be completed in an ongoing manner based on available space in the program.

Each cohort begins coursework in the summer. The eight-week summer program prepares the intern to begin the teaching internship when the public school districts begin. All courses are offered via synchronous e-Learning only.

## Application Requirements

1. UAS Graduate Application (\$60 fee)
2. Transcripts from all universities attended with a Cumulative GPA: 3.00 minimum
3. Contact information for one recommendation
4. Student Information Sheet
5. Information Waiver Statement
6. Statement of Professional Objectives
7. Passing Praxis CASE/Core exam scores must be sent to UAS. Students taking the Praxis outside of Alaska must also have the scores sent to the Alaskan Department of Education and Early Development (code R7027). *Note: students must pass the Praxis exams prior to admission*
8. Passing Praxis II content area exam score must be sent to UAS prior to admission. Students taking the Praxis outside of Alaska must also have the scores sent to the Alaskan Department of Education and Early Development (code R7027). *Note: students should contact the Program Coordinator about which Praxis II exam to take.*
9. Students must complete a transcript evaluation form to be reviewed by faculty prior to admission. *Note: If there are content area deficiencies, the student will be advised to defer enrollment.*
10. Applicants may also be interviewed by faculty, either face to face or through web conference.

Applicants should consult with the Program Advisor for approval of content endorsement.

A Student Teaching Authorization form from the Alaska Department of Education is required for the internship

More information on the application requirements, PRAXIS testing, student teaching, and certification can be found on the SOE Student Services website (<https://uas.alaska.edu/education/student-services/>).

Additional information and links to forms are available on the SOE Secondary Education website (<https://uas.alaska.edu/education/programs/secondary-education.html>).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Major Requirements</b>		<b>34</b>
ALST S600	Alaska Resources, People and Perspectives <sup>1</sup>	3
ED S606	Secondary Methods for Teaching STEM <sup>3</sup>	3
or ED S607	Secondary Methods for Teaching in the Humanities	
ED S620	Curriculum Development	3
ED S627	Educational Research	3
ED S631	Educational Psychology	3
ED S669	Literacy in Middle and Secondary Schools	3
ED S680	Perspectives in Multicultural Education <sup>1</sup>	3
ED S691	Internship: (I) <sup>1, 2</sup>	3
ED S691	Internship: (II) <sup>1, 2</sup>	3
ED S692	Education Seminar <sup>4</sup>	2
EDSE S682	Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities	3

<sup>1</sup> Classes required by Alaska DEED

<sup>2</sup> Requires current full-time placement in a secondary school

<sup>3</sup> Methods courses for other content areas to be approved by program coordinator

<sup>4</sup> Two semesters are required (Fall and Spring) for a total of 4 credits.

## Exit Criteria

1. A Portfolio that provides evidence that the student meets program goals/outcomes (Teacher Work Sample)
2. Satisfactory completion of all courses.
3. Official Praxis I exam scores meeting Alaska DEED required minimums.
4. 3.00 GPA

Upon completion, students will be able to:

1. Articulate, maintain, and develop a philosophy of education that they also demonstrate in practice. (InTASC 1,9)
2. Understand how human development affects learning and apply that understanding to practice. (InTASC 1, 2)
3. Differentiate instruction with respect for individual & cultural characteristics. (InTASC 1, 2, 3, 7)

4. Possess current academic knowledge of their content area and utilize its core concepts, tools of inquiry, and teaching strategies in practice. (InTASC 4, 5)
5. Facilitate learning by using assessment to guide planning, instruction, and modification of teaching practice. (InTASC 6, 7)
6. Create and manage a stimulating, inclusive, and safe learning community in which students take intellectual risks and work independently and collaboratively. (InTASC 3)
7. Work as partners with parents, families, and the community. (InTASC 10)
8. Develop and maintain professional, moral, and ethical attitudes, behaviors, relationships, and habits of mind. (InTASC 9,10)
9. Use technology effectively, creatively, and wisely. (InTASC 8)