Western Michigan University’s Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program is designed for individuals who have an undergraduate or graduate degree in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics related field and wish to become middle or high school mathematics or science teachers.

This cohorted program prepares candidates for initial teacher certification in 15 months, and includes a 9 month internship in a middle or high school setting. The cohort size is limited to 25 candidates per discipline.

The Master of Arts in Teaching is designed to develop the knowledge and skill of reflective practitioners for a variety of educational settings.

This program is designed to prepare teachers that are content experts who are effective practitioners, leaders, change agents, intellectuals, researchers, and learners.

We are seeking candidates who are passionate learners who embrace diversity, actively inquire and reflect upon their own practice.
Teaching (Masters of Arts in Teaching, M.A.T.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas

The initial teacher certification program is designed for those individuals who have a background in science and/or mathematics fields who wish to become middle and/or high school teachers.

In this intense program candidates will take a minimum four to five courses depending upon discipline interest across summer I and summer II sessions, spend three full days in classrooms beginning the first week of September, and a full day of coursework a week on campus during fall semester. Candidates will complete a full time (5day/week) internship January through mid-June (depending on district placement). Most candidates will complete all requirements for certification within 15 months of starting coursework.

Admissions

Admissions requirements include:

• A bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in an appropriate secondary education discipline (a transcript evaluation will determine what additional discipline area coursework will be required).

• An overall grade point average of at least 3.0 (4.0 = A) in the last two years of undergraduate work (applicants with a GPA of less than 3.0 may be granted a Conditional Admission, and this will be converted to a regular admission if students receive a grade of “B” or better in the first two graduate courses (six credit hours) taken).

• A concise written “statement of purpose” (250 words or less) indicating the applicant’s reasons for seeking admission to the program and what the applicant hopes to accomplish during the program of study (and which demonstrates congruence of applicant’s written “statement of purpose” with the parameters of this degree program).

• Acceptable scores on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC) - Basic Skills test, and at least one secondary education content area (i.e., biology, chemistry, physics or mathematics).

Applications for this program are accepted June 15 through January 1 of each year, with selection and admission determined by April 15. Coursework begins during the summer I session. For additional application information visit: wmich.edu/teaching

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships

None available at this time.

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Kalamazoo

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