MAT Program Admission Requirements

For admission to the UCA MAT program, candidates must:
1. Hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university (Original transcripts for undergraduate and graduate coursework must be submitted from all institutions attended.) Candidates seeking a secondary license must have completed 30 credits hours in the content area. This can be waived upon passing the Praxis II content test in the area of licensure in which the candidate is seeking certification.
2. Submit a minimum undergraduate GPA of a 2.7 overall. This can include post-graduate work or previously earned graduate degrees.
3. Complete the UCA graduate school application and all other requirements to qualify for graduate admission.
4. Complete the MAT application along with 2 professional references.
5. Submit scores on Praxis I (to the MAT office) or GRE (to the Graduate School) prior to or during the first semester of graduate study. Passing minimum Praxis I scores (Math 150, Reading 156, Writing, 162) or GRE (Verbal 142, Quantitative 142, Analytical Writing 3.5) are required for admission with full qualifications. Without passing scores, you will be conditionally admitted and will not qualify for financial aid.

MAT Admission to Internship (capstone course at end of program of study)

For admission to Internship (MAT 6699), candidates must:
1. Complete all courses in the program with a minimum GPA of a 3.0
2. Submit passing scores on the Praxis I (or passing GRE scores) and passing scores on Praxis II subject area test(s) in licensure area (See www.ets.org/praxis for a list of tests required.)
3. Submit an internship recommendation checklist to MAT advisor
4. Earn passing scores on the summative evaluation of performance standards using the Candidate Portfolio and Mentor/University Supervisor Assessment based on TESS for the Practicum course
5. Complete Practicum with a grade of “B” or better
6. Complete all background checks and Arkansas IDEAS professional development
7. Preferably hold an Arkansas provisional license and be employed as a classroom teacher in the licensure area

MAT Graduation and Standard Licensure Requirements

To earn the Master of Arts in Teaching and the initial license, candidates must:
1. Complete all requirements on the MAT 6699 Internship Syllabus and in the Internship Handbook with a grade of “B” or better.
2. Submit passing scores on the summative evaluation of performance standards using the Candidate Portfolio and Mentor/University Supervisor Assessment based on TESS for the Internship course
3. Submit passing test scores on Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching or Praxis II Subject Specific Pedagogy Exam(s)
4. Successfully complete all MAT coursework and any additional state course requirements
5. Successfully complete all MAT model assessments
6. Submit cleared background checks
7. Submit Department of Education Teacher License Application