

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING WITH A MAJOR IN MULTI-AGE EDUCATION

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new degree program, the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with a major in Multi-Age Education in the College of Education, effective Fall 2025.

Background

The proposal aims to create a new major for the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) certification for grades PK-12. This is a new certification grade band for Visual Arts and later World Language Education programs; thus, a new major is required. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has created new professional development standards specifically for the PK-12 programs for which we must align assessment and coursework. Finally, there is a specific MTTC for PK-12 grade band certifications and having a specific major for all PK-12 certification programs will allow for improved MTTC preparation. This will align the programs with new certification grade bands outlined by MDE.

Program Description

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Multi-Age Education leads to MDE teacher certification in Visual Arts Education and later World Language Education will be added in Arabic, French, and Spanish. Students will gain extensive classroom and clinical experience to develop the content, skills, and dispositions needed to work in PK-12 classrooms successfully. Candidates who successfully complete all program requirements will earn a graduate degree. Candidates must also pass the required Michigan Test(s) for Teacher Certification (MTTC) to be recommended for certification.

Admission Requirements

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution
- Completion of a transcript evaluation to determine prerequisite coursework
- Completion of content-specific requirements and introductory education courses
- 2.75 Undergraduate GPA

Curriculum Requirements

The program is offered under Plan C and requires a minimum of 30 graduate-level credit hours, which includes MDE-required student teaching experiences.

Graduation Requirements

All coursework must be completed in accordance with the academic procedures of the College of Education and the Graduate School and the regulations governing graduate scholarship and degrees. All courses must be satisfactorily completed in accordance with the WSU Graduate School policies. Students must complete the program with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

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Program Administration

The program is supported by a program coordinator, associated faculty, and the Assistant Dean of Teacher Education.

Budget and Resource Requirements

No new budget resources are required.

Accreditation

This program is approved by MDE and is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Approvals

The proposal was approved by the faculty of the Teacher Education Division, the Assistant Dean of Teacher Education, the Dean of the College of Education, the Graduate Council, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Provost.