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The Department of Curriculum and Instruction Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) is similar to, and may be taken in place of, the fifth year program. The M.A.T. is for persons who have a bachelor’s degree and wish to obtain the State of California Preliminary Teaching Credential along with a master’s degree. Those who have earned a credential as an undergraduate are not eligible to take the M.A.T. but may take a Master of Arts degree (M.A.), which is an academic degree not tied to a credential.

The Master of Arts in Teaching is a terminal degree in the sense that this degree does not meet the requirements of an academic degree. The single subject credential prepares teachers for middle and high school teaching, and the multiple subject credential prepares teachers for elementary school teaching.

The following is general information on this program. Prospective students are encouraged to contact Curriculum and Instruction for advising on specific program needs. Nine graduate units may be transferred with departmental approval. These must not have been a part of any other degree.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Apply to the University
2. Provide official evidence of a four-year bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
3. Submit a Graduate program application to La Sierra University. Request transcripts and recommendations as required on the application form.
4. An undergraduate GPA of 2.75 is required; otherwise the CSET must be passed before acceptance.
5. Provide evidence of English language proficiency and writing ability. International Students are expected to meet the English proficiency requirements for admission to the University.
6. Submit a resume’ that outlines pertinent academic and professional activities along with an essay describing the goals you intend to achieve by completing the program.
7. Complete and submit an Application to the Teacher Education Program.

AFTER ACCEPTANCE:

1. See department secretary in room 118A to receive forms to fill out for acceptance into Teacher Education Program and have an academic advisor assigned to you.
2. See your Curriculum and Instruction advisor for advisement.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS DURING THE PROGRAM:

1. Maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 throughout the program.
2. After 50 units, apply for graduation in the Curriculum and Instruction office.
3. Successfully complete the Student Teaching program at the end of the methods coursework.
4. Successfully complete the four tasks of the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) program and all other required testing necessary to apply for the teaching credential.

GRADUATION:

5. Order cap and gown
6. Pick up cap and gown from Bookstore
7. Attend Educator Dedication Day
8. Graduate
**PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSEWORK**

**ENTRANCE INTO THE PROGRAM REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING:**

- Undergraduate GPA 2.75
- CSET (California Subject Examinations for Teachers) passed with writing section (either multiple subject or single subject). For information go to [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com)
- CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test) passed. For information go to [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com)
- Certificate of Clearance
- TB test
- Register for a LiveText license

**THE FOLLOWING COURSEWORK IS REQUIRED BEFORE ACCEPTANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION. THESE COURSES ARE IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED UNITS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING**

- **Construction of American Political Life**
  (or pass Constitution Examination)  
  
  HPSC 274  
  4 units

- **Dimensions of Health**
  (or EDCI 503)  
  
  HLSC 214  
  4 units

- **Teaching in the Multicultural Classroom**
  (or EDCI 502)  
  
  EDCI 204  
  3 units

- **Psych. Foundations of Education**
  (or EDCI 507)  
  
  EDFO 305  
  4 units

- **Computers in the Curriculum**
  (or EDCI 516)  
  
  EDCI 413  
  3 units

- **Classroom Management/Lab**
  (or EDCI 510/510L)  
  
  EDCI 410/410L  
  3 units
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COURSEWORK

- Developmental Psychology  
  PSYC 234  4 units
- Philosophical Aspects of Christian Ed.  
  EDCI 504  3 units
- History of Seventh-day Adventism  
  RELH 483  4 units
- C&I Methods: Religion  
  EDCI 523A  2 units
- Christian Beliefs  
  RELT 245  4 units
- Any RELB Bible Doctrine Course  4 units
- One elective in any Religion Course  4 units

M.A.T. CORE COURSEWORK

- Faith & Learning  
  EDCI 512  3 units
- Social and Emotional Intelligence  
  EDCI 664  3 units
- Brain Science and Learning  
  EDCI 545  3 units
- Cooperative Learning  
  EDCI 580  3 units

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

ELEMENTARY TEACHING

- Teaching Performance Assessment  
  (TPA 1 required for course completion)  
  EDCI 500  1 unit
- Reading K-8/Lab  
  EDCI 520/520L  5 units
- Mathematics K-8/Lab *  
  (TPA 2 required for course completion)  
  EDCI 521/521L  4 units
- Language and Literacy, Grades K-8  
  (RICA test)  
  EDCI 522  3 units
- Culture, Society, and Ethics K-12  
  EDCI 523C  2 units
- Science and Health K-8/Lab *  
  EDCI 527/527L  4 units
- Special Education in the Regular Classroom  
  EDCI 564  3 units
- Elementary Fieldwork  
  (TPA 3 and 4 required for course completion)  
  EDCI 524  18 units
(e-Portfolio Presentation made during seminar)

**SECONDARY TEACHING**

- Teaching Performance Assessment  
  EDCI 500  
  1 unit  
  (*TPA 1 required for course completion*)

- Language and Literacy, Grades 9-12  
  EDCI 522A  
  3 units

- Culture, Society, and Ethics  
  EDCI 523C  
  2 units

- Reading in the Content Area/Lab  
  EDCI 51B/518L  
  5 units

- Middle School Theory & Practice/Lab**  
  EDCI 529/529L  
  4 units  
  (*TPA 2 required for course completion*)

- Secondary Theory & Practice/Lab**  
  EDCI 530/530L  
  4 units

- Special Education in the Regular Classroom  
  EDCI 564  
  3 units

- Secondary Fieldwork  
  EDCI 556  
  20 units  
  (*TPA 3 and 4 required for course completion*)
  (e-Portfolio Presentation made during seminar)

* Courses Secondary candidates must take to add a Multiple Subject Credential.

** Courses Multiple Subject candidates must take to add a Single Subject credential for California State.
**Additional Information:**

- California State Requirement: Embedded in the Teacher Education program are the California Teacher Expectations (TPE). These will be tested during the program in the Teaching Performance Assessments (TPA) as required by California.
- Read TPEs/TPAs information carefully. All four tasks must be passed before applying for the credential. A separate fee is required to cover the TPAs.
- Before doing student teaching, all students must have their methods courses including labs complete, certificate of clearance, TB, and CPR certificate on file, CBEST, CSET, and TPA 1 and TPA 2 passed. Student teaching application must be submitted one month prior to being placed.
- Fieldwork: Student teaching requires regular visits from a La Sierra University appointed supervisor. Candidates must not arrange their own placements. Any fieldwork outside of the local area requires the student teacher to be responsible for paying all costs of a visit by a Curriculum and Instruction faculty supervisor.
- Before applying for the multiple subject credential, candidates must pass RICA (Reading Instruction Competence Assessment) and have the results filed with La Sierra Credential Analyst. For information on RICA, go to [www.rica.nesinc.com](http://www.rica.nesinc.com)
- See LSU Credentials Analyst or (for SDA credentials) the Pacific Union Conference Certification Registrar to process application.
Admission Requirements for California Clear Credential:

- Must have a Preliminary teaching credential
- Must be employed as a full-time K-12 classroom teacher

CA Clear Credential Coursework

- Clear Credential Orientation  EDCI 595  1.5 units
- Advanced Safety and Health in Education  EDCI 511  3 units
- Instructional Models and Origins of Learning  EDCI 550  3 units
- Advanced Teaching of English Learners  EDCI 513  3 units
- Advanced Special Ed. in the Regular Classroom  EDCI 564B  3 units
- Clear Credential Portfolio          EDCI 596  1.5 units

Process for Clear Credential

- Two year process: The Clear Credential Program takes 2 years of full-time teaching and 3 summers to complete.
- Fieldwork year 1: Develop a Professional Growth Plan. Teach full-time in your own classroom in a WASC-approved school. Interact regularly with Clear Credential Supervisors/Mentors.
- Summer 2: Take EDCI 513 Advanced Study of Teaching English Learners and EDCI 564B Advanced Special Education in the Regular Classroom. Meet with your advisor for evaluation/progress report. *
- Fieldwork year 2: Continue the process of professional development through planning, reflection, and implementation while teaching full-time in your own classroom. Interact regularly with Clear Credential Supervisors/Mentors.
- Summative assessment: Complete EDCI 596 Clear Credential Portfolio and receive a summative assessment by the advisor/supervisor.

* Note: There is some flexibility in regard to which summers you will take EDCI 511, 513, 550 and 569.