

ART EDUCATION (MAT)

- All degree requirements must be completed within seven (7) years of first enrollment

Admission Requirements

- Degree in related field or a minimum of 25 semester hours of approved coursework
- Transcript evaluation to determine content courses needed for certification.
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 (regular admission) or 2.50 (provisional admission) on all undergraduate work at an accredited United States institution in fulfillment of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree
- Satisfactory scores on the general portion (quantitative and verbal) of the Revised Graduate Record Exam (GRE) with "writing assessment" component; **or** passing scores on the GACE content examinations required in the intended teacher certification field
- Passing score on the GACE Basic Skills Tests [Reading (200), Mathematics (201), Writing (202)] or exemption through satisfactory scores on the SAT, ACT, GRE, or having a masters degree or above from a PSC-accepted accredited institution.
 - GACE Basic Skills Exemption Scores:
 - SAT – 1000 (combination of Verbal and Math scores)
 - ACT – 43 (combination of English and Math scores)
 - GRE – Combined score of 1030 (Verbal and Quantitative) on tests taken before August 1, 2011 or combined score of 297 (Verbal and Quantitative) on tests taken after August 1, 2011
- The successful applicant must not have a criminal record or discharge from the armed services that would prevent recommendation for related teacher certifications
- Completion of a satisfactory FBI background check with fingerprints to ensure no criminal record and no discharge from the armed services that would prevent recommendation for teacher certification. Instructions and applications for the FBI background check can be found at safe.columbusstate.edu (<http://safe.columbusstate.edu>) or can be picked up in Jordan Hall, Room 107. Provisionally certified teachers may submit a letter from their school on official school letterhead stating that they have undergone a background check as a condition of employment.

Additional Program Requirements

This Degree is subjected to the following requirements

- Students must earn a 3.0 GPA calculated on all graduate work attempted. "Academic Forgiveness" policy does not apply to graduate studies.
- Students cannot graduate with a grade of "C" or below in more than two (2) graduate courses (may be appealed to the College of Education Graduate Council).
- A minimum of 27 hours of the hours required for the degree must be earned in residence. Asynchronous (online) and distance learning courses administered through Columbus State University constitute courses taken in residence.
- A maximum of nine (9) semester hours of transfer credit or courses taken at CSU prior to full admission to a masters degree program may be applied toward the degree. Courses with earned grades of "C" or below cannot be transferred. The student's advisor and the coordinator of the program in which the student is enrolled must approve any courses transferred.