

ART EDUCATION (MAT)

Program Overview

MAT programs are designed for individuals holding a bachelor's degree in a closely related field who wish to obtain a teaching certificate and master's degree in education. Programs provide professional and pedagogical studies that develop proficiency in the knowledge, skills, and dispositions of beginning teachers.

Art Education prepares highly qualified teachers of art for instruction in elementary and secondary schools by providing challenging course work in pedagogy, curriculum content, and assessment consistent with the national, state, and local standards and goals. The graduate program in art education provides students with an opportunity to further their knowledge through investigation and research of current issues and curriculum in art education and to pursue their creative work in the studios.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. The CSU Department of Art is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). In addition to the degree requirements, there are further requirements for teaching certification. Visit the Certification page (<https://cctl.columbusstate.edu/certification.php>) on the CSU Center for Quality Teaching and Learning (CQTL) website for detailed information about certification requirements and the certification process.

Career Opportunities

Successful completion of the M.A.T. program and passing scores on the appropriate Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) basic skills and content tests allow the candidate to be recommended to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission for teacher certification at the T-5 level (i.e., *the letter "T" indicates that the certificate is in a teaching field and the number "5" indicates that the candidate's highest degree is a master's degree recognized by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission*).