

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (MAT)

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## Program Overview

The Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program in elementary education is designed for individuals holding a bachelor's degree who wish to obtain a teaching certificate and master's degree in elementary education. Certification in this field is for grades Pre-K through 5. The M.A.T. provides professional and pedagogical studies that develop proficiency in the knowledge, skills, and habits of beginning teachers.

All educator preparation programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. 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 (CCTL) 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) Ethics 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).*