

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION (MAT)

Program Admission Requirements

- A Bachelor's degree in a closely related field or a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper level coursework in one of the middle grades concentration areas.
- 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 institution in fulfillment of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree.
- Passing GACE Content Assessment scores in the certification field.
- Candidates who recently graduated from a bachelor's degree program (within a year) can be provisionally admitted in the absence of a GACE assessment score, however this requirement must be completed during the first semester enrolled.

Required GACE content exams by concentration area:

Certification Field- Required GACE Content Tests

- Middle Grades Language Arts- Test 011
- Middle Grades Mathematics- Test 013
- Middle Grades Science- Test 014
- Middle Grades Social Science- Test 015

Teacher Education Admission Requirements

- Candidates must apply for Teacher Education during their first semester, after being admitted and starting classes.
- Admission to Teacher Education is completed through TK20. Candidates must have been admitted into the university and registered for courses at least two weeks before purchasing TK20. Information on Tk20 is can be located here (<https://www.columbusstate.edu/education-and-health-professions/tk20.php>).
- Candidates must meet all requirements for admission to Teacher Education during their first semester of enrollment in the MAT program. For a list of requirements visit our Teacher Education page (<https://www.columbusstate.edu/education-and-health-professions/cqtl/teacher-education.php>)

Additional Program 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
- A minimum of 20 hours of the hours required for the degree must be earned in residence (# of the required hours). Asynchronous (online)

and distance learning courses administered through Columbus State University constitute courses taken in residence

- Transfer courses must be approved by the students' advisor and program coordinator. Courses with earned grades of "C" or below cannot be transferred.
- All degree requirements must be completed within seven (7) years of first enrollment.