MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Individuals in WT’s Panhandle Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) program are concurrently in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. The program allows candidates to complete requirements for initial teacher certification, expand their knowledge and skills to support their effectiveness as teachers, and meet state certificate renewal requirements. Upon completion of initial standard certification, the candidate may continue with the MAT Plan of Study to complete the master's degree.

Admission Requirements

- Apply to WT’s PACE program (separate from and prior to grad school admission); see wtamu.edu/pace
- Upon program pre-approval, apply to graduate school using the Grad U.S. Application (program #5451) and submit the fee, wtamu.edu/admissions/apply_graduate.aspx

MAT Course Work

A total of 36 semester credit hours (SCH) of graded course work—at least 24 hours at the 6000-level—is required. Course work and degree requirements are completed in sequence:

1. Complete 18 SCH of Professional Development/Certification course work, testing, and supervised teaching experience for initial certification as required by PACE or P-B program (candidates completing clinical teaching will have an additional 6 SCH of pass/fail course work)
2. Complete 9 SCH from the graduate core in Education
   - EDPD 6303, and
   - 3 SCH from EDPD 6304 or 6385 or COUN 6330, and
   - 3 SCH from EDLD 6311 or EDPD 6305 or EDPD 6308 or EDPD 6329
3. Complete 9 SCH in the applicant’s teaching field as approved by the graduate adviser in the Department of Education

Degree Completion/Graduation Requirements

- Completion of professional development course work, testing, and supervised teaching experience for the initial Standard Texas Educator Certificate, and
- Completion of graduate core and teaching field course work on the Plan of Study, and
- Passing a written comprehensive exam (candidate must hold a Standard Texas Educator certification prior to administration of the comprehensive exam)

Other Considerations

- The candidate may request a MAT Plan of Study from the program adviser upon completion of 12 SCH of certification course work and passing the content test(s) for the target certificate.
- The candidate is not eligible to sit for the comprehensive exam or graduation until standard certification is complete.
- The candidate must maintain a 3.0 GPA (with no grade below a C) on all course work, and the program must be completed within six (6) years of taking the first course that applies to the degree.
- The MAT will not lead to a professional certificate (counselor, diagnostician, or principal); if a professional certificate is the goal, contact the OAC for referral to the appropriate program adviser.