

Masters of Teaching (MAT) in Elementary Education Information Sheet

1. Graduate School Application

Check the Graduate School website (<https://www.applyweb.com/ap>) for application deadline. Complete the application and pay the fee only. Do NOT send transcripts, take the GRE's or Miller Analogy, do a writing sample, or have an interview.

Once you complete the graduate school application process, you will receive a letter from the Graduate School inviting you to join the graduate program. You MUST respond as to whether you are coming or not, following the directions communicated in the notice from the Graduate School. If you do not respond, you will not be able to register.

Everyone will receive a “Conditional” acceptance. The conditions are (1) completing your undergraduate degree with a **2.75 or better** and (2) **passing Praxis II**. Make sure when taking Praxis II you have your scores sent to JMU. In mid-May, we’ll check GPAs and Praxis results. If you have not met these conditions, you will be contacted by the ELED Program Coordinator. Once you meet the conditions, your status will change to “Unconditional” which is what you need to be fully accepted.

2. Register for Summer school

Unless you have been notified by the ESC, the semester you requested to student teach is the semester you will student teach. Any questions about student teaching should be sent to the ESC; they, not the ELED program, handle all student teaching placements. Here is the break down of what summer courses you need depending on when you student teach.

<i>Student teaching in the FALL will take:</i>	<i>Student teaching in the SPRING will take:</i>
ELED 533 – second math methods ELED 570 – Curriculum Planning & Instruction	ELED 632 – Inquiry Elective – you may take ANY graduate level elective that enhances your teaching skills/knowledge; there are no longer preapproved electives. ANY elective at or above 500 that you believe will help you is acceptable.

Tips for finding an elective

First, consider what you would like to learn – maybe some education technology or children’s literature or exceptional education or advanced Spanish. Then scour ecampus. What courses are offered? Check out the prefixes ELED, EXED, EDUC, EDTC, TESL, etc. Change the “equal to” box to “greater than” and plug in 500 as the course number. This brings up all graduate level courses; find the one that interests you. *And, don’t forget that you need to meet any prerequisites established by the department offering the course. Contact the department offering the course if permission is needed to register.*

Summer Schedule

The official summer schedule is not set until about Spring Break. Until then, we can make no promises about when courses will be offered. See JMU’s academic calendar for specific dates. However, professors have more flexibility in how they design their courses. Between the two sessions, there will be enough seats for everyone to get the ELED courses she or he needs. Please let Dr. Dorothy Sluss know if you will need the second session for your ELED summer courses. Those traveling abroad this summer may not be on campus the first six weeks and, therefore, need the second six-week session.

3. Student Teaching

Many school divisions are acknowledging the benefits of JMU students having extended time in one setting. The ELED faculty also know great benefits are to be had with this arrangement. Therefore, it is quite likely that you will stay with a teacher for more than one semester if the school division requests this arrangement.

<i>Student teaching in the FALL</i>	<i>Student teaching in the SPRING</i>
Students will stay with their 2nd eight-week teacher for ELED 621 in the spring.	Students will stay with their ELED 621 teacher for the 1st eight weeks of student teaching.

Of course, if you student teach out-of-the-area, your practicum placement will be with a different teacher.