K-12 SPED 5-Year M.A.T. Tasks

Required and suggested tasks by year.
Please review all the years so you are prepared academically and financially.

Freshman and Sophomore Years
Teacher Education Process (best if completed by March of sophomore year)
Complete the Application form-online via Education Support Center (ESC) & meet with Dr. Blatz for initial advising.
Begin meeting teacher education acceptance process.
  • Acceptance into teacher education
  • Pass Praxis Core or have waiving SAT/ACT score (check score on the Praxis site),
  • C or Better college level, GWRIT 103, GPSY 160,
  • 2 references (teacher, employer, leader of organization-not family/friends),
  • Complete Child Abuse Training-on-line
  • Complete Universal Precautions Training-on-line,
  • Minimum GPA 2.75, and
  • Finally-Pay for TK-20 subscription and complete the Application Process & Surveys
Other Suggested Tasks
Familiarize yourself with:
  • Major and pre-professional (minor) education requirements,
  • Study Abroad opportunities (best done by Sophomore year or May/Summer),
  • Library,
  • Computer Labs,
  • ETMC,
  • Student Success Center,
  • Other Campus Support Services.

Junior Year
*YOU MUST BE FULLY ACCEPTED INTO TEACHER EDUCATION BEFORE THE FALL SEMESTER*
Suggested Tasks:
  • Complete all but 4 classes in major end of Junior Year, if possible,
  • Complete study abroad opportunities (May/Summer),
  • Have awareness of future tests & fees (Graduate school, RVE, VCLA, Praxis II-ELED section, Teacher licensing fees). Click here to access ETS site for fees.
Senior Year
Complete Graduation Application and turn in to your EFEX Minor Advisor,
Check on Graduation Needs (clothes, invitation, arrangements) - JMU Bookstore,
Complete Student Teaching Application—check deadlines. (Usually Oct. 31),
ATTEND - ST packet review sessions,
Complete Application to Graduate School,
  • Application form, $55 fee,
  • 1 letter of recommendation,
  • Official transcript (don’t need to send),
  • GPA 2.75
  • Writing sample (should be done in EXED 450).
You complete:
  • Application—Page 1,
  • College Verification—Page 2, Part 1.
JMU completes:
  • College Verification, Page 2, Part 2,
  • Requests official transcript,
  • Sends complete application package to state.
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* Tests you have to take before applying for licensure:
RVE – Reading for Virginia Educators—passing score 157
  (0306 paper-based, 5306 computer-based)
VCLA -Virginia Communication and Language Assessment (writing and reading)
  Passing score—235 each; Composite—470
Praxis II—Praxis Subject Assessment
  Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects [https://www.ets.org/praxis/va/requirements] Use
  the link and then click on Elementary Education to get the test code.
  Any other subject areas you wish to be highly qualified to teach.
  Additional Resource: CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLANNING: resume, interviewing and other
  job resources - https://www.jmu.edu/cap/

Graduate Year
Apply for graduate school Graduation—by end of first week of Spring semester,
Apply for VA licensure,
You send/deliver to ESC & EFEX Minor Advisor:
  • Application with your parts completed,
  • Nonrefundable application fee—$50,
  • Praxis II scores,
  • RVE score,
  • VCLA score