

STEPS TO APPLY TESOL Post Baccalaureate M.A.T.

Step 1: Transcript Review and Interview

Schedule a meeting with a TESOL advisor to review your undergraduate transcripts, discuss your interest/goals in completing the MAT in Education with a Concentration in TESOL, and review your resume to determine eligibility and any prerequisite courses needed. Candidates may need to complete prerequisite competencies required by the Commonwealth of Virginia for licensure. Bring the following items:

- Undergraduate transcripts to show earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university (unofficial transcripts are sufficient for initial review process),
- Undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or higher,
- A professional resume.

Step 2: Applying to Graduate School

Complete the online application for obtaining the graduate degree—Master of Arts in Teaching with a Concentration in TESOL (M.A.T. in Education with a Concentration in TESOL).

Required for application:

- The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or Miller's Analogy Test scores at the 25th percentile or higher for both verbal and quantitative sections,
- A professional resume,
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended,
- Two-three page essay: describe relevant work, life experiences and professional goals related to TESOL and assisting English language learners,
- Two professional reference letters.

NOTE: Your application to the Graduate School, if accepted, will likely be “conditionally” accepted. After all conditions have been met, including acceptance into Teacher Education (Step 3), your status can be upgraded to “unconditional.” Conditions are specified in your acceptance letter and include receipt of satisfactory Praxis CORE scores, or SAT scores. All must be met before registering for the second semester of classes or beyond 12 credits. It is your responsibility to let your advisor know when you have been accepted.

Print the Graduate Status Change Request, add your name and student ID#, and bring it to your advisor/program coordinator for a signature.

Step 3: Applying to Teacher Education

After you have been admitted to the Graduate School and have received your student ID, you should apply for admission to Teacher Education. Your application to Teacher Education through JMU's Education Support Center (ESC) [<http://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc/>] is the first step in the process of obtaining your Virginia State Teaching License.

Required for application:

- Undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or higher,
- Passing scores on Praxis Core or acceptable SAT scores,
- Completion of online application form on [ESC](#) website,

KEY DEADLINES:

- Be admitted to Teacher Education by the second semester of the program;
- Complete VCLA before student teaching;
- Complete student application 1 year prior to student teaching semester; and
- Complete Praxis English to Speakers of Other Languages Test (5362).