

The M.A.T. with a concentration in TESOL program is designed for individuals who have earned a bachelor's degree in a liberal arts discipline closely associated with a teaching area (e.g., biology, history, mathematics, psychology, chemistry, English, etc. but not business administration, nursing, engineering, etc.) and want to complete teacher licensure in PreK-12 English as a Second Language.

This program draws on theories of linguistics, research on social and cultural variables that influence second language acquisition, and the knowledge required to facilitate second language learning. The TESOL program will prepare future educators to understand and implement more equitable and effective ways of working with English Language Learners in a variety of contexts, including inclusion in content/general education classes, sheltered-ESL classes and pullout classes.

Completion of this MAT program leads to eligibility for a Virginia teaching license for PreK-12 English as a Second Language.

This graduate degree requires the following prerequisites:

- **WRTC 103:** Critical Reading and Writing or equivalent;
- **Any MATH designated course;**
- **PSYC 160:** Human Development Across the Life Span;
- **ENG 308: Introduction to Linguistics;**
- **EDUC 300:** Foundations of American Education;
- **READ 366 or 566:** Early Literacy Development and Acquisition with a 1 credit practicum; (TESL 384 or TESL 553)
- **Foreign Language Proficiency:** 6 credit at intermediate level; or successful completion of examination approved by the TESOL program.

These courses can be completed in conjunction with the 37-39 graduate hours of TESOL coursework, however, the program recommends applicants complete prerequisite coursework prior to admission or within the first semester of graduate work. Applicants' undergraduate transcripts are reviewed to identify necessary prerequisite coursework and to verify content knowledge requirements.

Application for the M.A.T. with a Concentration in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Initial Licensure Program is a three-step process.