



Dear Applicant for the Secondary Master of Education (M.Ed.) or Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree:

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a graduate degree in education at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU). This degree is an exciting and innovative graduate program that prepares teachers for leadership positions in the secondary school setting. By exploring the roles of teacher as researcher, teacher as scholar-practitioner, and teacher as educational leader, the Master's Programs cultivate a learning community of faculty and students through dialogue and critical inquiry.

Teachers who earn this degree will be prepared to work in schools as instructional specialists with an enhanced understanding of learning and leadership theory, systems design, and teaching with technology. The learning outcomes of these 36 hour graduate degree programs are based on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education professional standards. Thesis and non-thesis options are available.

While graduate programs can be designed to meet students' individual needs, most students choose one of the following three plans:

MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) with Teacher Certification

This program is designed for students who have earned an undergraduate degree but are **not certified to teach**. In addition to courses that explore educational research, curriculum, and instructional design, students receive certification through a certification sequence.

If you are interested in applying to this program, please follow these steps:

- 1) Apply online to the Graduate School. There will be a \$25.00 application fee charged to your account at SFASU. The Graduate School will calculate your GPA to determine eligibility.
http://www2.sfasu.edu/graduate/ProspStudents/apply_cert.html
- 2) Take and receive acceptable scores reports on the Pre-Admission Content Test (PACT). The PACT is the Pre-Admission Content Test. You can get more information about the test here:
<http://www.texas.ets.org/epp/epppact/>

You **MUST** pass the PACT before you can be admitted into the MAT program. There are no exceptions to this rule.

- 3) **After** you have met eligibility requirements (GPA, PACT), complete and submit the application form on pg. 5 of this document to Dr. Olson Beal (olsonbehk@sfasu.edu).
- 4) Receive an acceptance or denial form and degree plan from the corresponding department.
- 5) If you are accepted, the Certification Office will be notified and you will be entered into the Teacher Education Program. There will be a \$100.00 application fee charged to your account at SFASU.

- 6) After you are admitted into the Teacher Education Program, you will receive a letter stating your eligibility for the one-year teaching internship on a Probationary Certificate. We encourage you to copy this letter and submit it with job applications and present it at job interviews.
- 7) Please remember that a Texas Standard Teaching Certificate requires individuals to complete the required coursework, required state exams, and a field experience. After you complete our Texas Standard Teaching Certificate, you will have the option to continue coursework in your program area to complete a Master's Degree.

M.Ed. in Secondary Education and Pedagogy

This program is designed for certified and experienced teachers who wish to further their education and improve their teaching practice. Students take courses that cover the following topics: 1) educational research and research methodology, 2) cultural foundations of education, 3) curriculum practice and theory, and 4) instruction and learning.

M.Ed. with Content Area Minor

This 36 hour program includes 18 hours in secondary education and 18 hours in the student's chosen teaching field. The degree is aimed at students that wish to teach at a community college, but could also be appropriate for high school teachers who **wish to teach dual credit courses**.

For a complete description of the program and coursework, please refer to the Graduate Bulletin.

Interested applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be accepted into the M.Ed. Program:

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.5 and a grade-point average of 2.8 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework (on a 4.0 scale)

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- 2) Apply to the Master of Education (M.Ed.) Degree at SFASU by completing and submitting the attached application form to Dr. Olson Beal.
- 3) Receive an acceptance or denial form and degree plan from the corresponding department.

*All materials must be submitted by *March 15* for full acceptance for **summer semester**.

*All materials must be submitted by *July 15* for full acceptance for **fall semester**.

*All materials must be submitted by *October 15* for full acceptance for **spring semester**.

If you need additional information, further assistance, or wish to make an appointment for graduate advising, please contact Carrie Williams, at either (936) 468-6478, or williamscs1@sfasu.edu.

Thank you for interest in pursuing your graduate studies in education at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Sincerely,

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**Stephen F. Austin State University
Department of Secondary Education and Educational Leadership**

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE
SECONDARY MASTER OF EDUCATION or MASTERS OF
ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM**

Applicant Information:

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MI

STUDENT ID #

HOME ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

PREFERRED E-MAIL ADDRESS

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PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER

EMPLOYING DISTRICT & CAMPUS
(IF NOT TEACHING, LIST EMPLOYER)

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WORK PHONE

Content area _____

Currently certified to teach in Texas? Yes No

When do you plan to begin the program? _____ / _____
Semester Year

Which degree are you interested in pursuing?

- MAT (includes teacher certification)
- M.Ed. in Secondary Education and Pedagogy
- M.Ed. with Content Area Minor (18/18)