

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT)

Wayne State College's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) graduate degree is designed for individuals who hold a non-education bachelor's degree and are looking to become a teacher through Nebraska Department of Education's Alternative Program Teaching Permit pathways.

The master's in teaching online program offers an alternative teacher certification route through the Nebraska Department of Education, providing a path to initial (first-time) teacher certification. No matter where you are teaching across Nebraska, our online master's for teachers ensures you meet all necessary requirements for temporary permits, allowing you to continue making a meaningful impact in the classroom while completing your certification.

fast facts

Degree offered: Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

Credit hours: 36

Cost per credit hour: \$427.45 total (includes \$261.90 tuition + \$165.55 fees)

Delivery method: Online

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Instructional theory and approaches
- Curriculum development
- Methods and techniques of teaching
- Pro-social culture cultivation

Possible Careers

- Elementary teacher
- Middle-level teacher (grades 5-6)
- Multi-grade classroom teacher
- Curriculum specialist
- Title I teacher
- Instructional support teacher
- Academic support teacher
- Reading intervention teacher
- Teacher leader or mentor

Types of Employers

- Public school districts
- Private and parochial schools
- Charter schools
- Educational service units (ESUs)
- Curriculum and assessment organizations
- Educational nonprofits
- After-school and enrichment programs

recognized for excellence

Our graduate programs are nationally recognized for their excellence, exceptional value, and flexible learning options — consistently earning top distinctions for affordability and quality.



Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.

Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com*.



College of Distinction

Wayne State College has been recognized as a College of Distinction, an honor that highlights institutions for engaged students, great teaching, a vibrant campus community, and successful outcomes.

Program courses

2026-27 Academic Year

The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program requirements: 36 credit hours

Core courses (12 credit hours)

EDU 542 MAT Pre-Teaching Seminar	0
EDU 545 Preparing for Level 3: Clinical Practice	0
EDU 621 Education Program Orientation.....	0
EDU 652 Instructional Theory and Practice.....	3
EDU 658 Fundamentals of Curriculum Development PK-16.....	3
SPD 522 Teaching Exceptional Learners in Inclusive Classrooms.....	3
SPD 636 Social/Emotional Behavior	3

Content courses (18 credit hours)

EDU 557 Human Relations in a Pluralistic Society.....	1
Electives.....	17

Clinical practice courses (6 credit hours)

Select one of the following.....	6
EDU 552 Clinical Practice for Elementary School (6)	
EDU 554 Clinical Practice for Middle School (6)	
EDU 556 Clinical Practice for Secondary School (6)	

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