Master of Arts in Teaching with Elementary Teacher Certification
Oakland and Macomb County Programs

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Oakland University’s Master of Arts in Teaching in Elementary Education (MATEE) program is designed for individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree and are now seeking a career in teaching. The MATEE program is a 2-year teacher certification program that will prepare individuals for a career in teaching at the elementary or middle school level.

High quality learning experiences ensure that participants are well-prepared to teach, combining teacher education coursework augmented by three field placements in local schools prior to student teaching. The course sequence allows students to be recommended for certification prior to the completion of the master’s degree. At the completion of the MATEE program, students will have earned a teaching certificate (grades K-8), as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

Additional undergraduate coursework may be required for those individuals whose prior coursework does not fulfill the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) core competencies for a “teachable major” content area. This coursework must be completed prior to admission to the MATEE program. See transcript review information on next page. Also, successful scores on the MDE teacher education entrance exams are required for admission.

PROGRAM DELIVERY

To accommodate working individuals, classes primarily meet two weekday evenings per week until the final semester of student teaching. Courses are taken as a cohort with coursework beginning in the fall semester. Courses in the Oakland County program are held on campus at Oakland University in Rochester and courses in the Macomb County program are held at the Macomb University Center in Clinton Township.

FIELD EXPERIENCES AND STUDENT TEACHING INTERNSHIP

One of the primary benefits of Oakland University's teacher preparation program is the field experiences provided in local school districts. Participants receive varied placements working with school-age children and have an opportunity to apply coursework to the teaching environment as they learn it.

- Students will complete a minimum of 100 hours of field experiences to observe instruction, classroom management strategies, work with students, and implement lessons prior to the student teaching internship. These hours are divided into three semesters of approximately 30-40 hours each. Fields are completed within the school-day as weekly half-day visits during the specified semester.
- Field experiences and your student teaching internship are arranged for you by Oakland University to meet both expectations of the program and requirements from the MDE. Applicants should plan to make accommodations to cover these requirements.
- Student teaching is 15 weeks full-time in the classroom and includes all school-related activities.
- VIA LiveText is a required component of your field placements, student teaching, and coursework. Purchase of a 2-year license of this program is required upon admission.
TEACHABLE MAJORS

Prior to beginning the MATEE program, you are required by the MDE to have a minimum of one teachable major. To fulfill the MDE requirement, it is common that applicants need to complete some prerequisite coursework to fulfill the requirements for the teachable major. Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission to the MAT - Elementary Education program.

To determine if you have a teachable major, you will need to have a transcript review completed by an adviser. It will identify any courses you have previously completed toward your major and list the courses you need to complete for the major(s) you have identified.

To have your transcripts reviewed:

- Complete the Transcript Review and Program Profile Request form
- Indicate your major(s) of interest (subject areas that you are interested in teaching)
- Submit the form and copies of your transcripts (unofficial copies are sufficient at this time)
- You will be contacted via email in 1-2 weeks from the receipt of your request. Once you receive the evaluation, you should make an appointment with an adviser to review it.

Available Majors and Endorsements

Oakland University is approved to provide teacher certification for the following areas. The Michigan Department of Education has a list of classes that can be taught with each subject area. Visit the website under Resources, click on Quick Reference: Courses That Can be Taught.

- Integrated Science
- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Endorsements: ESL - English as a Second Language (must be paired with a major above)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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MATEE Transcript Review Request Form
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING – ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (MATEE) PROGRAM

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PROGRAM LOCATION PREFERENCE (CIRCLE ONE): OAKLAND MACOMB

1. **Evaluate transcripts for the following areas:**
   Please indicate the content areas that you are interested in teaching, not your undergraduate major/minor.

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2. **Please list all of the educational institutions you have attended:**
   In order to do a complete evaluation of your prior coursework, we need a transcript from every college or university you attended. Unofficial transcripts are sufficient for the review; official transcripts are required for admission.

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3. **Felony and Misdemeanor Information:**
   If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, you need to be aware that passing our program, student teaching, and state certification tests does not guarantee certification or employment. Convictions are assessed and evaluated at the state level, including a review of court documents.

   ➤ I have read the Felony and Misdemeanor information: ____________________ ____________
      Initials Date

Please email or fax this completed sheet and all of the requested unofficial transcripts to the contact below. Allow 1-2 weeks for the transcript review. Your evaluation will be emailed to you.

**Subject:** MATEE Program Transcript Request
**Email:** MATinfo@oakland.edu
**Fax:** (248) 370-4961