

Teacher Preparation at Trinity University

About the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T) Degree Program:

Identified as one of the seven premier teacher preparation programs in the nation, Trinity University's five-year program offers a combined baccalaureate and professional Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree. Trinity's program features preparation and certification at the following levels: Early Childhood-Grade 4 (EC-4), Middle Grades (Grades 4-8), High School (Grades 8-12), and All-Level certifications in Music, Art and Theatre Arts. Interested students may earn a dual certification to teach grades 4-12. Supplemental certificates in All-Level Special Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) are also available to students who have completed a required undergraduate course sequence. A complete list of subject-area certifications are available on the department's webpage (address listed below). While the vast majority of program applicants are recent Trinity University graduates, each year, a number of highly-qualified post-baccalaureate students from other universities are accepted into this elite, one-year graduate program.

The M.A.T. program is a nationally-recognized, rigorous, one year program (three semesters) that begins with a summer session and concludes with spring commencement. For matriculated students, the academic program begins in mid-July with six (6) semester hours of graduate-level courses in pedagogy, curriculum development, and professional leadership. When the school year starts, students carrying a graduate course load of twelve semester (12) hours during the fall and spring semesters while simultaneously completing a near full-time (unpaid) clinical teaching internship in an elementary, middle or high school in the San Antonio-area. During this year, students are supervised by a carefully identified and specially trained Mentor Teacher and the Trinity University faculty. Due to the small cohort size (between 8 – 15 students), our faculty is able to offer students an exceptional amount of personal contact, support and supervision throughout this rigorous year of teacher preparation.

And after graduation...

Upon completion of the program, students receive a M.A.T. (Master of Arts in Teaching), a professional degree, and the necessary certification to teach in a Texas public school. Trinity's Program in Teacher Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and graduates who wish to obtain certification in other states benefit from this association. Program graduates are in high-demand throughout Texas and the Department of Education prides itself on assisting 100% of its graduates to obtain teaching positions immediately upon graduation.

Program Costs and Is Financial Aid Available?

The cost of attending the one-year M.A.T. program is approximately \$1,000 per semester hour (\$30,000) plus the cost of living. Trinity University offers a number of different sources of aid, including low-interest student loans, scholarships, a supplemental loan for middle-income families, and much more. There are numerous scholarships available to students in the education department, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. *Students with an academic major in math or science should apply for an award through the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program (Application Deadline: March 1st).*

When and how do I apply?

The Council on Teacher Education accepts applications twice per year, the deadlines are: **November 1st and March 1st**. Interested applicants should download an application from the department's website.

The following items are required for program admission: a Bachelor's Degree (preferably in the field you wish to teach); a minimum GPA of 3.0 (2.6 provisional); a passing score on the THEA or evidence of exemption; faculty recommendations; a current resume; interviews with Trinity faculty; a classroom field experience; computer proficiency; and a course in Human Growth and Development. *Please note, applicants who did not graduate from Trinity University must submit evidence of a GRE score greater than 1000 and a passing score on the relevant Praxis II subject-area test.*

For more information and to review admission criteria, please visit the department's website:

http://www.trinity.edu/departments/Education/Degree_Programs/mat.htm

