

# MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (M.A.T.)

ELEMENTARY/ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION CONCENTRATION



## High quality teachers are the key to equitable education — earn your M.A.T.

This program is taught in person at JWU's Providence Campus. With a dual concentration in elementary education and special education, you'll be well-situated to support the learning of all students. Your coursework includes field-based experiences in public school, applying what you've learned by working each week with public school students in a variety of school settings.

After completing your coursework and fieldwork, you will be ready for the most dynamic experience of your journey: student teaching. Under the guidance of experienced teachers, you'll have the chance to manage your own classroom, responding daily to students' developmental and social needs. You'll create and deliver lessons, learning on the job what it takes to earn the title of teacher.

## Potential Careers\*

- Elementary Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Instructional Designer
- Curriculum Developer
- Academic Advisor

## By the Numbers

Founded in **1914**

**1,000+**

University Grad population

**125,000+**

alumni worldwide

## Other Benefits

- 25% tuition discount for JWU alums\*\*
- Small class sizes for individualized attention
- Expert faculty advisors
- Graduate student housing
- Free parking

## The JWU Difference

- You'll be prepared for a dual certification in elementary and elementary special education with a full slate of methods classes (science, social studies, mathematics, and literacy) as well as a progression of special education coursework.
- Convenient evening classes with limited daytime field hours in public school settings until full-time student teaching begins in the second fall semester.

## Program Structure

- Full-time for five consecutive semesters
- Evening classes meet three times per week
- Cohort model: stay with your group and progress through coursework together
- Field work in a public school (required number of hours vary based on R.I. Department of Education certification regulations)

## Program Prerequisites

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited undergraduate college or university
- A transcript analysis to determine if any additional coursework is needed prior to program start
- A cleared criminal background check in order to participate in required field work

## Program Curriculum

### Core Courses

EDUC5130 Foundations for Teaching and Learning

SPED5110 Inclusive Teaching of Exceptional Learners

### Concentration Courses

EDUC5170 Best Practices in Literacy Instruction

EDUC5260 Strategies for Teaching Mathematics

EDUC5280 Strategies for Teaching Science

EDUC6120 Assessment for Student Learning

EDUC6230 Disciplinary Literacy in the Social Studies Classroom

EDUC6910 Student Teaching Part 1: Elementary Education

EDUC6920 Student Teaching Part 2: Elementary Education

SPED5120 Assessment and Evaluation of Exceptional Learners

SPED5150 Curriculum and Methods for Exceptional Learners

SPED5310 Partnerships: Home, School, Community

SPED6110 Understanding and Managing Behavior in a Diverse Classroom

SPED6400 Specialized Instruction

SPED6915 Student Teaching Part 1: Elementary Special Education

SPED6925 Student Teaching Part 2: Elementary Special Education

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\*\* The JWU alumni discount for graduate programs excludes the Physician Assistant program.

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