

# MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

## MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION

Grades 5-9 English, Math, Social Studies, and/or Science

TEACHER LICENSURE & MASTER'S DEGREE IN ONE YEAR

Mission of the Education Programs at Saint Michael's College

We, as teacher educators, educators, and leaders, commit to work toward creating equitable and just systems by dismantling inequitable and oppressive educational policies and structures, in that:

- We are change agents committed to antiracism, equity, and educational justice.
- We are educators focused on creating sustainable communities and schools.
- We are passionate and curious scholars.
- We are creative, integrative, and holistic educators.
- We are reflective and contemplative practitioners.



## PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

The Saint Michael's College Master of Arts in Teaching program (MAT) provides an innovative and intensive experience that attracts bright and passionate candidates from diverse backgrounds to be agents of change in the field of education. The MAT is an accelerated one-year, full-time or two-year, part-time program that is competitively-priced and leads to initial licensure and a master's degree.

### Program Features

- Multiple field placements with expert Vermont teachers
- Diverse opportunities to explore the progressive educational practices for which the state is known
- A rigorous and comprehensive course sequence
- Collaborative cohort model culminating in a transformative capstone experience

The MAT is designed as a fifth-year initial licensure option for undergraduates as well as a stand-alone licensure and master's degree program for those seeking a career change. It is open to those with and without prior coursework in education.

The MAT offers licensure tracks in art, elementary (grades K-6), middle (grades 5-9), secondary (grades 7-12), and special education with the option of pursuing additional endorsements in multilingual learners (ML), early childhood education (age 3-grade 3), and special education. For more information, contact Amy Saks Pavese at [asakspavese@smcvt.edu](mailto:asakspavese@smcvt.edu) or 802.654.2826 or Claudine Bedell at [cbedell@smcvt.edu](mailto:cbedell@smcvt.edu) or 802.654.2741.

## Master of Arts in Teaching – Middle Level Education Concentration Map

BEFORE PROGRAM

SUMMER

FALL

SPRING



<b>WHAT COURSES DO I NEED?</b>	Any remaining pre-requisite courses in your licensure area	<p><b>Session A</b></p> <p><b>GED 516:</b> Educational Foundations: Understanding the Past and Creating the Future (3 credits)</p> <p><b>GED 520:</b> Child &amp; Adolescent Development (3 credits)</p>	<p><b>Session B</b></p> <p><b>GED 635A:</b> Middle Grades Organization (3 credits)</p> <p><b>GED 530:</b> Disciplinary Literacy: Making Meaning in Equity-Centered Middle and Secondary Classrooms (3 credits)</p>	<p><b>GED 641:</b> Teaching in the Inclusive Classroom Pre-K-12 (3 credits)</p> <p><b>GED 547:</b> Middle and Secondary Curriculum and Assessment (4 credits)</p> <p><b>GED 580:</b> Approaches to Teaching and Learning (3 credits)</p>	<p><b>GED 550:</b> Student Teaching Internship (6 credits)</p> <p><b>GED 555:</b> Student Teaching Seminar (3 credits)</p> <p><b>GED 691:</b> Personalized Inquiry: Finding Your Why (2 credits)</p>
<b>WHAT PLACEMENT EXPERIENCES WILL I HAVE?</b>		Public School Placement, 5 hours/week	Public Summer School Placement	Practicum in Student Teaching Placement, 6 hours/week	Student Teaching Placement, Full-Time
<b>WHAT ARE MY LICENSURE RESPONSIBILITIES?</b>	Apply to Program: Application Official Transcript(s) Two references with letters of recommendation Resume Interview Take Praxis Core	Apply to Student Teach Pass Praxis Core Maintain a 3.0 in your program Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence Fingerprint & Background Check Before Student Teaching Starts Resume & Cover Letter		Pass Praxis II Maintain a 3.0 in your program Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence	Student Teach Maintain a 3.0 in your program Complete Licensure Portfolio
<b>HOW DO I LAUNCH MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE?</b>		Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops  Update Resume & Cover Letter		Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops  Update Resume & Cover Letter  Create Job Application/ SchoolSpring Account	Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops  Update Resume & Cover Letter  Request letters of recommendation from three people who have seen you teach  Create Job Application/ SchoolSpring Account
<b>HOW DO I ENGAGE IN SOCIALLY ACTIVE, ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES?</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Collaborative Cohort Model      Conversation Partners      Substitute Teaching      MAT Workshop Series      MAT Gatherings</p>				

## STUDENT TEACHING

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Student teaching provides elementary, middle, secondary, art, and special education students who are earning an education license and a master's degree the opportunity to design, implement, and evaluate instruction under the direct supervision of a licensed teacher. This internship is the equivalent of two full courses. Along with working in the schools, student teachers take the Student Teaching Seminar. The class examines issues raised through the student teaching experience, supports the construction of the professional portfolio required for Vermont teacher licensure, and bridges the transition from student teacher to professional practitioner. As a community of learners, we address the themes of creativity, curiosity, contemplation, collaboration, reflection, and equity through topics such as antiracist teaching, trauma-informed practice, classroom culture, standards-based lesson and unit planning, instructional strategies, and assessment. Students develop skills together to successfully enter the teaching profession and create a professional development trajectory.

## A TRANSFORMATIVE CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

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**GED 691: Personalized Inquiry: Finding Your Why (2 credits)** – This mission-driven seminar will run concurrently with the Student Teaching Seminar and conclude with a week-long immersion in a personalized inquiry project. Using research as well as interviews and observations with teacher-leaders and educational change agents, students will investigate an area of burgeoning passion that will provide a foundation for their professional vision. The course will emphasize professional learning, ethical practice, leadership, and collaboration, as students dig deeply into a question or topic that sparked their interest during student teaching. This intensive seminar will culminate in a “Finding Your Why” Summit where students will share their findings in a variety of formats including TED Talks, digital storytelling, visual arts, multimedia exhibits, and creative writing.

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Whichever you choose, you'll have a breadth of opportunities, materials, experiences and professional mentoring that places our education program with the most highly regarded in the region among professional educators.



## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LICENSE & MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION?

- › Adult Education Teacher
- › Alumni Relations Coordinator
- › Athletic Coach
- › Athletic Director
- › Child Life Specialist
- › Day Care Administrator
- › Education Management
- › Educ. Materials Sales
- › Education-Training Admin.
- › Educational Resource
- › Employee Trainer
- › Financial Aid Counselor
- › Grant Writer
- › Historic Site Administrator
- › Instructor, College/Univer.
- › Licensed Teacher
- › Librarian
- › Media Center Specialist
- › Missionary Worker
- › Preschool Administrator
- › Registrar/Admissions Dir.
- › Training Specialist
- › Social Services Volunteer
- › Student Personnel Admin.
- › Student Admissions Admin.
- › Student Affairs Admin.
- › Tutor
- › Vocational Rehab Counselor