

# Master of Arts in Teaching



**Rigorous academic and clinical experiences for future classroom leaders to build the professional knowledge and skills needed to benefit *all* students**

## At A Glance

**Degree Type:** Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)

**Program Durations:** 12-14 Months

**Application Deadline:** For summer admission, applications are typically due in early spring. For exact dates, visit [ed.unc.edu/mat](https://ed.unc.edu/mat).

The year-long Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, which includes a two-semester residency in a public school with an experienced classroom teacher, prepares students for an initial teaching licensure in:

- Elementary Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Secondary Education in English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies
- Special Education
- K-12 English as a Second Language



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Built on research-based best practices, the MAT program provides **early and extensive clinical experience** — opportunities to integrate theory and practice, demonstrate skills in a structured and supportive environment, and support equity efforts in schools.

Graduates leave the program as **the most effective educators** in the state and beyond. A study by the Education Policy Initiative at Carolina found that having a UNC MAT graduate in the classroom was like providing additional instruction time, especially for economically disadvantaged and minority students, and students at struggling schools — highlighting our commitment to social justice in serving marginalized and underserved populations.

Before enrolling, students can apply for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program; Carolina is one of eight schools to offer the program.



**Zarett Ramirez '21**  
*Third Grade Teacher*  
*Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools*

“The MAT program allowed me to apply knowledge and theories learned in courses in the classroom. The program also encouraged and challenged me to view education through the lens of social justice where we can create change within our own classrooms and, thus, in our community.”

## How will *you* propel the world?

To learn more about the Master of Arts in Teaching or to learn more about applying, email [ed@unc.edu](mailto:ed@unc.edu).

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