

OFFICE OF TEACHER PREPARATION

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Mission

The mission of the CNU Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) Program is to prepare highly qualified teachers who are licensed to teach in the Commonwealth of Virginia and in reciprocal states throughout the United States.

Five-Year Teacher Preparation Programs

CNU has teacher preparation programs leading to a B.A. (Bachelor of Arts), B.S. (Bachelor of Science) or B.M. (Bachelor of Music) and an M.A.T. (Master of Arts in Teaching). These programs qualify students for a license to teach elementary and secondary school in the state of Virginia. Application to these programs is made during the second semester of the junior year. Because course sequencing is critical to success, interested students should talk to an adviser about the Five-Year M.A.T. early in their program. The Five-Year M.A.T. will require that students take two or more graduate level courses in their senior year. Students who wish to pursue teacher preparation should consult the teacher preparation sections in the individual department (listed below) and the CNU Graduate Catalog for a description of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program.

Areas of Teaching and Required Degrees

Elementary, grades PK-6 Track

The grades PK-6 track requires teaching all subjects in elementary school. Any liberal arts or science major (B.A. or B.S.) is acceptable. See individual departments for list of courses needed to prepare for the M.A.T. in elementary education.

Grades PK-12 Track

- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** requires a B.A. or B.S. in any liberal arts or science major. M.A.T. ESL course requirements are listed in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.
- **Music, Choral or Instrumental** requires a B.M. in music with either the choral music education concentration or instrumental education concentration.
- **Spanish** requires a B.A. in foreign languages and literatures with a Spanish major.
- **Visual Arts** requires a B.A. in fine and performing arts with a studio art concentration.

Grades 6-12 Track

- **Biology** requires a B.S. in biology, any concentration.
- **Chemistry** requires a B.S. in chemistry.
- **English** requires a B.A. in English, without a declared concentration is recommended.
- **History and Social Science** requires either a B.A. in history, a B.A. in political science or a B.A. in interdisciplinary studies with an American studies major.
- **Mathematics** requires either a B.S. or B.A. in mathematics.
- **Physics** requires a B.S. in computer foundations with an applied physics major.

See individual departments for specific requirements.