

***BECOMING A CERTIFIED TEACHER IN MARYLAND  
Through the Johns Hopkins M.A.T. Program***

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has approved all of Johns Hopkins University's (JHU) teacher preparation programs. The National Council of Accreditation Teacher Education (NCATE) has also accredited JHU's Graduate Division of Education. Candidates who have been accepted to JHU must meet the following requirements for certification and graduation: content course work, education course work, internship, an electronic portfolio, and passing scores on the appropriate Praxis I, GRE, SAT, or ACT Exam and Praxis II Exams.

• **CONTENT**

Requirements differ for Elementary and Secondary candidates. All candidates are expected to have a working knowledge of computers and access to e-mail.

**Elementary**—48 undergraduate/graduate credits of liberal arts course work distributed as follows;

- English—including course work in Literature and Composition/Grammar
- Social Studies—including course work in American History, World History, and Geography
- Mathematics—12 credits
- Science—12 credits including one lab course and a balance between life and physical sciences
- Health/Physical Education—including course work or experience in each area
- Art, Music, or Theater—including course work or experience in at least one area

**Secondary**—a content major or 36 undergraduate/graduate credits in one of the following subject areas. Course work should be representative of the scope of the discipline.

- English—including American, British, and minority literature; speech; and structure of the language
- Mathematics—including basic college mathematics, calculus, and differential equations
- Social Studies—including course work in history, geography, economics, and political science
- Foreign Language (French or Spanish)—including structure of the language, culture, oral and written communication, and literature
- Science—a major or at least 36 credits in one of the areas listed below and course work in each of the other sciences and mathematics.
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Earth/Space/Environmental Science
  - Physics
  - Physical Science

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**—at least six (6) credits of course work in English (must include a course in linguistics), mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts, and six credits of a foreign language (all six credits must be in the same foreign language). Additionally, candidates must have a total of at least 18 credits in one of the major academic areas.

• **EDUCATION COURSE WORK**

39 credits in the Johns Hopkins MAT program

• **INTERNSHIP**

All program options meet the state requirement for internship.

• **PRAXIS I AND II EXAMS**

The state requires passing scores on specific Praxis I and II exams. Booklets are available that provide specific information about the Praxis Exams.

- Praxis I—exams in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics
- Praxis II—exams in content area and pedagogy (teaching) \*

\* In order to be considered *Highly Qualified middle school teachers* who are certified in Elementary Education must take and pass the Middle School Content Level Endorsement test in the subject area that they are teaching.\*