

MAT (SECONDARY EDUCATION) PROGRAM

2024 Formal Application Process

Application Deadline: January 15, 2024

The admission process to the MAT is handled completely online. Your application and materials will be processed by the GRADUATE ADMISSIONS office.

Street Address: 800 E. Summit St., 161 Schwartz Center, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242

Mailing Address (Transcripts): Graduate Admissions, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242

Phone: 330-672-2444

Toll-Free: 1-800-988-KENT

Email (for questions/issues and Electronic Transcripts): gradapps@kent.edu

Your application should be completed at least 4 weeks prior to the program deadline to allow Graduate Studies adequate time to process your application and required documents. Your application file will NOT be forwarded to the College of EHHS for review until all outstanding application requirements have been completed and processed.

Please contact Graduate Admissions directly for questions/issues regarding your pending application.

Admission Requirements:

Applicants will be assessed holistically, considering: academic credentials; academic or professional references; non-academic dimensions; and other specific program criteria.

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Official transcript(s) [Must submit all transcripts from each college/university (other than KSU) where a **degree was conferred (associate's, bachelor's, master's, etc.)**. You may upload copies of OFFICIAL transcripts to speed up app process but if offered admission, you are required to submit OFFICIAL transcripts directly from these institutions]
- Minimum 2.75 total undergraduate (cumulative/overall) GPA
- Two recommendations (It is HIGHLY recommended you use the online application recommender system; **you only need to submit names/emails of two recommenders-you do not need to submit letters**. Suggested recommenders can include college professors, supervisors, colleagues, etc.)
- Résumé (to be uploaded during application process)
- 1000-word essay explaining desire to teach [Try to inform the reader the following about yourself and your potential as a future teacher: What qualities and experiences do you have that you believe will help to make you an effective teacher? What experiences do you have as a "teacher"? Include any volunteer experiences where you worked with children (and note specifically when the children were between 12 and 18) in an organized situation. Describe the situation(s) and your involvement. Include a brief statement to conclude your essay which communicates your desire to become a teacher.]
- Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form (form is embedded within online application)
- Content evaluation showing completion of prerequisite content area coursework (should be on file with Erin Harwood, Graduate Academic Advisor in 418 White Hall)
- Interview (Conducted prior to full acceptance into the program)

In addition, it is expected that you have had experience with the age group that you are hoping to teach, 7th – 12th graders. Having a substitute teaching license and getting on substitute lists for days you are not in class, coaching, and/or tutoring are just a few options to help fulfill this expectation. Evidence of these experiences will be presented to the faculty at the admission interview and should be highlighted in your essay.

Steps/Hints/Screenshots of the online application process

To Start:

Visit the **Graduate Degree Student Requirements** Webpage:

<https://www.kent.edu/admissions/graduate-degree-student-requirements>

- Review the page and click “Apply Now”
- This will bring you to the Application Portal
- From here-first time users will create an account/login (*save this information so you can go in and out of app*)
- Once in the portal, you will click on “Start a New Application”
- Select “Graduate” and click “Create Application”

(you can go in and out of the portal as you like to complete your application and you can visit it to check the status of your application).

A few hints/screenshots as you enter the information in the online application:

- Under Initial Questions Graduate tab: SELECT “Masters” for the degree or credential you are pursuing (*even though you are also pursuing licensure*)
- Under Academic Plan Graduate tab: Scroll down through “College of Education, Health & Human Services, Masters” until you find “Secondary Education-MAT.....” and select your intended Secondary Education MAT licensure concentration
- Under “Intended Start Term”-SELECT: Summer 2024 (this program only starts in summer)

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ACADEMIC PLAN GRADUATE

Intended Major

Choose your intended major or program:

Secondary Education - MAT - English/Language Arts

Secondary Education - MAT - English/Language Arts
Secondary Education - MAT - French
Secondary Education - MAT - German
Secondary Education - MAT - Health
Secondary Education - MAT - Integrated Science
Secondary Education - MAT - Latin
Secondary Education - MAT - Life Science
Secondary Education - MAT - Life Science/Chemistry
Secondary Education - MAT - Mathematics
Secondary Education - MAT - Music
Secondary Education - MAT - Physical Education
Secondary Education - MAT - Social Studies
Secondary Education - MAT - Spanish

- Under Program Requirements: Education: this is the page where you will upload your resume and MAT essay and complete the embedded Questions in Anticipation of Licensure form. Please select “NO” for the question regarding applying for a “combined program”.

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: EDUCATION

Your program selection:

Secondary Education - MAT - English/Language Arts

ATTENTION:

Candidates must first specialize in one subject/concentration area and complete any remaining course at the post-undergraduate level prior to being reviewed for admission to this program. Before submitting the application, please contact Erin Harwood (eharwood@kent.edu) to request a transcript evaluation to determine eligibility.

The application deadline for the Secondary Education MAT is January 15th and the programs start annually each summer.

A combined bachelor's/master's degree program allows exceptional, well-prepared Kent State University undergraduate students early admission into a graduate program. Students in a combined degree program are able to take graduate-level coursework as undergraduate students, thus enabling courses to be applied toward both degree programs. For more information regarding combined programs refer to the University Catalog: [Combined Bachelor's Master's Degree Program](#).

Are you applying for a combined program?

☐ Yes

☒ No

All master's applications submitted are assessed a \$45 non-refundable application fee. **It is highly recommended you consider submitting your online application during our FREE application week (October 23-October 30) to save yourself the application fee. You do NOT need to upload all required admission documents at this time to take advantage of the application fee waiver. Any unfinished admission documents, including unofficial transcripts, can be uploaded at a later time through your Status Page on your Application Portal (available once you submit your app).**

Please be aware that your application will not be forwarded to the College of EHHS for review until all outstanding requirements have been satisfied. Applications to our initial teacher licensure programs, including the Secondary MAT, are reviewed as a cohort (per accreditation standards) after the January 15, 2024 deadline. Early submission of your application does not mean an early admission decision.