Dear Prospective Student:

Recently you expressed interest in a Master of Arts in Teaching degree at Kent State University and indicated Early Childhood as your preferred area of study. This program will lead to initial Ohio licensure for age three to grade five and a master’s degree. The program also allows you to earn a level one Primary Years Program certificate with the International Baccalaureate.

The next ECED MAT cohort will be offered in Summer 2021 with an admission application deadline of January 20, 2021.

Transcripts will be continuously reviewed for prerequisites (in mathematics, science, child development, and history/social studies) leading up to the application deadline. It is highly recommended that you send electronic transcripts 6 months prior to deadline by emailing the Graduate Senior Advisor, Erin Harwood (eharwood@kent.edu) or the ECED Graduate Program Coordinator, Dr. Janice Kroeger (jkroege1@kent.edu). Attach a copy of your unofficial transcripts and indicate interest in ECED MAT in subject line heading (transcripts can be accessed internally for current KSU students or recent graduates with your written authorization).

Formal Admission Process:

The admission process to the MAT is handled completely online. Applications for the Summer 2021 cohort will be accepted starting Fall 2020. The application deadline for the 2021 ECED MAT cohort is January 20, 2021. Your application will be processed by the Division of Graduate Studies, our centralized graduate admission office:

Cartwright Hall  Phone: 330-672-2661
650 Hilltop Drive  Toll Free: 855-277-6952
Kent State University  Fax: 330-672-6262
Kent, OH 44242  Email: gradapps@kent.edu

The following information will be reviewed in giving your application full consideration. It is highly recommended that you gather/prepare as many application materials as possible PRIOR to starting the online Graduate Master’s Application. You will be instructed to upload your documents (ie. transcripts, goal statement; forms…) within the application OR can send directly to the Division of Graduate Studies for upload/attachment. Admission to the program cannot be confirmed until all materials are completed.

1. Graduate Master’s Application for admission (APPLICATION WINDOW FOR SUMMER 2021 ECED MAT PROGRAM WILL OPEN IN EARLY FALL 2020):
   - Complete the application online at [https://www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/masters](https://www.kent.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/masters)
   - When prompted within the application:
     - College: Education, Health and Human Services
     - Intended Program: Early Childhood Education Degree Name-Master of Arts in Teaching (do NOT select the ECED Degree Name-Master of Education program-this is for already licensed ECED teachers and advanced professionals).
     - Term: Summer 2021
2. **Cumulative (Total) Undergraduate Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher** (those with a 2.75-2.99 cumulative GPA can be considered for admission on a *conditional* basis)

3. **Official Transcripts:**
   - KSU requires applicants to submit a copy of official transcripts from each college or university in which 8 or more semester credit hours were attempted. This includes both graduate and undergraduate coursework. You may upload a copy of your official transcript under the “Education” section of the online graduate master’s application or you may forward your official transcript in a sealed envelope to Kent State University. Applicants offered admission will be required to submit all official transcripts issued directly from the originating university.

4. **Test Scores:**
   - *Praxis*® Core Academic Skills for Educators (Reading, Writing, and Mathematics)
     - [https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/](https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/)
     - **Praxis CORE Reading**
       - Test Code 5713 (offered via computer only)
       - Criterion Score 168
     - **Praxis CORE Writing**
       - Test Code 5723 (offered via computer only)
       - Criterion Score 165
     - **Praxis CORE Math**
       - Test Code 5733 (offered via computer only)
       - Criterion Score 162
     - **Praxis CORE Combined Test**
       - Test Code 5752 (offered via computer only)

   • **IMPORTANT:** Students must code their Praxis scores to be sent to recipient code **R1367 (Kent State University)**. It takes approximately 4 weeks to get your official score report. KSU will not accept applicant score reports.
   - Test Preparation information/Resources is available on the attached Praxis Core document.

5. **Statement of Professional Goals:**
   - This statement should encompass your rationale for pursuing an MAT/initial licensure in Early Childhood Education; it may reflect on past career, education, and family choices. Limit document to 300 words, double-spaced. To be uploaded under the “Additional Documents” section of the online graduate masters application.

6. **Application Supplemental Form:** (in packet or at [https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs/forms](https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ogs/forms))
   - Complete, scan, upload to your application under “Additional Requirements” section of the online graduate master’s application or send directly to the Division of Graduate Studies for upload/attachment.

7. **Questions in Anticipation of Licensure Form:**
   - This form is now embedded within the graduate master’s online application under “Additional Documents” section. Applicants will be asked to acknowledge that they understand that in order to apply for an educator license in Ohio, they will be required to answer yes or no to certain legal questions during the time of licensure application.
8. **Two letters of recommendation:**
   - If at all possible, one of the letters should be completed by a faculty member familiar with your academic work and the other should be supplied by an individual familiar with your professional achievements.
   - Under the “References” section of the online graduate master’s application, you will provide the name and email information for each recommendation writer. You may choose to use the online recommendation system. If you select this option, as soon as you select 'Submit Recommendation Request' your recommenders will receive an email from Kent State University requesting a letter of recommendation. As a courtesy, you may want to contact your recommenders to notify them of your request and indicate the program to which you are applying. You may select to not use this system if a letter of recommendation is already on file with Graduate Studies.

In addition, your application will be reviewed on the following (not part of the online graduate master’s application process):

9. **Undergraduate Transcript review:**
   - Review for breadth of knowledge across the natural and social sciences, mathematics, humanities, and fine arts. Please note the some pre-requisites in content areas and child development may be required for enrollment in the ECED MAT program. *This review should be requested prior to the application process for completion of pre-requisites (if needed) in advance of starting MAT coursework.*

10. **Interview/Orientation:**
    - There is an interview/orientation with the ECED faculty to assess communication skills and interests in pursuing this program. Please bring a current resume to the orientation event.

Should you have questions as proceed with the application process, please contact me or our Graduate Senior Advisor, Erin Harwood (eharwood@kent.edu). We look forward to receiving your application and reviewing your completed application file to study Early Childhood Education at Kent State University.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janice Kroeger
Associate Professor ECED
Graduate ECED Program Coordinator
jkroeger1@kent.edu

ECED MAT Program: [https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/tlcs/eced/master-arts-teaching-initial-licensure](https://www.kent.edu/ehhs/tlcs/eced/master-arts-teaching-initial-licensure)
Praxis Core Information

Who, What, and When?
Praxis Core Tests were designed to provide comprehensive assessments that measure the skills and content knowledge in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics of candidates entering teacher preparation programs.

These tests are taken by all KSU candidates formally applying for admission to a graduate initial teacher licensure program.

How do I Register for the Praxis Core Tests?
1. Create a Praxis account: https://www.ets.org
2. Click on “EPP Test Requirements”
3. Select “Ohio” as your certifying state
4. Select your test code:

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*Test codes are as of September 1, 2019

5. Input your Zip code to find the nearest test center
6. When prompted, type in “Kent State University” (R1367) as the institution score recipient code

Testing Accommodations
Testing accommodations may be available for candidates with disabilities or health-related needs who meet ETS requirements.

Follow the link to apply: http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/disabilities

It will take about 6 weeks to receive a decision on the accommodation request

Candidates should apply at least 2-3 months prior to the date scores are needed

Test Costs and Policies
$90 each ($150 for the combined test to take all 3) *Subject to change
Tests may be retaken every 21 days, not including the initial test date

All test takers receive a score regardless of the number of questions answered or the type of test. The score is based on the number of questions answered correctly, with no penalty or subtraction for answering a question incorrectly. Pacing to have enough time to complete every question and guessing to finish is encouraged.

Criterion Scores and Scoring
Criterion scores are recommended threshold scores and candidates should strive to achieve these scores or higher.

Annual applicant cohorts (average) for each program (by major) must meet CAEP 50th percentile scores. Candidates meeting CAEP 50th percentile scores will receive full admission consideration.

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Exemptions to the Praxis Core can be made if the GRE was previously taken within 5 years at the time of application and only if the candidate achieves 50th percentile scores on the GRE Verbal, Quantitative, and Analytical Writing tests.

Math and Reading Praxis: Unofficial results are viewable upon completion of the tests. Official score reports are sent to your Praxis account and email up to 7 business days after testing

Writing Praxis: Official score reports are sent to your Praxis account and email up to 15 business days after testing upon being reviewed by an independent evaluator
## Praxis Core Preparation

### Resources

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APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT FORM
EARLY CHILDHOOD MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM

Name ___________________________________________  Date _____________

Please respond to the following questions.

1. Are you prepared to devote 18 months of full-time study to the MAT program?
   _____ Yes   _____ No

2. Where do you expect to teach upon completion of the program? ________________

3. Please describe your employment history, beginning with present position.

4. List experiences you may have had as an employee or volunteer in a K-12 school setting.
   Experience          Grade Level         Dates
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

5. List teaching experiences you may have had in a non-school setting (scout leader, camp
counselor, religious education, industrial or corporate trainer).
   Experience          Approximate Age of Children        Dates
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6. List non-teaching experiences involving extensive work with people (sales, personnel work, counseling, civic or organizational leadership).

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7. Indicate academic, civic, or organizational awards or honors you have received.

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