



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MEMPHIS**

College of Education

# Special Education (K-12) Licensure

## Master of Arts in Teaching Department of Instruction & Curriculum Leadership Advising Sheet

Welcome to the Special Education Program, which leads to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degree and a Tennessee License to teach grades K-12. This degree sheet is a guide for selecting and sequencing courses required in the MAT program. For additional information, please contact Ms. LaRuth Lofties, MAT Academic Counselor at [llofties@memphis.edu](mailto:llofties@memphis.edu).

- **Teacher Education Program (TEP):** MAT candidates must apply for admission to TEP before the end of the second semester and fulfill all TEP requirements. Candidates must have a 3.0 graduate GPA to be admitted to TEP and maintain a 3.0 GPA while in the graduate program.
- **Licensure Exams:** Candidates are required to pass Praxis II exams in order to be licensed to teach in Tennessee. For registration information, costs and more details go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org), click on Praxis and use the dropdown menu to find the correct required exams.
- **Job Embedded Practitioner (JEP) License:** For information go to: <http://www.memphis.edu/tep/licensure/jep-teaching-license.php>. Please contact Ms. Mary Lanier, [mlanier@memphis.edu](mailto:mlanier@memphis.edu) for more information.
- **edTPA:** All candidates obtaining a MAT and TN Teaching Licensure must complete The Professional Seminar (ICL 7993). Each candidate must complete and pass a nationally scored teacher performance assessment, edTPA. You are only required to submit the edTPA portfolio if you are enrolled in ICL 7808. Job-embedded teacher candidates are not required to submit the edTPA.

### Level 1 Course Work

#### Suggested Course Sequence

##### Fall I Semester (9 Hours)

- SPED 7000 - Introduction to Exceptional Learner \*\*
- ICL 7105 (Interventionist License) OR SPED 7050 (Comprehensive License only)
- LITL 7552 - Foundational Skills: Phonological Awareness and Phonics

##### Spring I Semester (6 Hours)

- SPED 7001 – Tests and Measurements for Exceptional Child/Adult
- LITL 7553 - Literacy Development K4 - Interventionist Requirement\*\*

##### Summer I Semester (6 Hours)

- EDPR 7111 - Child Psychology Applied to Education or SPED 7015 - Teaching Students with Exceptionalities Across Differences and Abilities
- SPED 7212 - Content Methods in Special Education\*\*

#### Requirements Timeline

##### Fall I Semester

- Begin studying/preparing for your Praxis Content Exam.
- Please access Praxis Resources [here](#).
- Required Exams: 5355 (SPED Comprehensive: Foundational Knowledge), 5547 (SPED: Severe to Profound), and 5205 (Teaching Reading).

##### Spring I Semester

- Continue Praxis support and studying.
- Continue to take your Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.
- If you are not admitted to TEP, you will not be able to continue to Level 2 course work.

##### Summer I Semester

- Continue to take Praxis II Content exam(s) if not already passed.
- Apply for TEP Admissions.

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# Level 2 Course Work

## Fall II Semester (6 Hours)

- LITL 7554 – Literacy Development
- SPED 722I – Behavior Management in Special Education\*\*

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

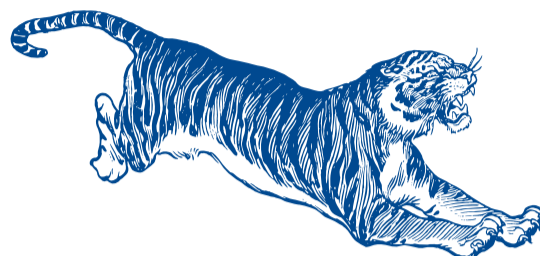
## Spring II Semester (9 Hours)

- IDT 706I – Instructional Design and Educational Technology
- ICL 7106 – Professional and Ethical Practice in Inclusive Classrooms
- EDPR 752I - Introduction to Educational Research

- Complete Clinical Teaching application.

## Summer II Semester (3 Hours)

- SPED 75II – Intellectual Disabilities (Comprehensive License ONLY)



# Level 3 Course Work

## Fall III Clinical Teaching Candidates (9 Hours)

- ICL 7808 – The Clinical Teaching Semester
- ICL 7993 – Professional Seminar (REQUIRED OF CLINICAL TEACHING CANDIDATES)

- Candidates should have all courses completed and have passed:
- SPED Comprehensive: Praxis 5355 (SPED Foundational Knowledge) exam prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses.
- SPED: Praxis 5547 (SPED Severe to Profound) exam prior to enrolling in Level 3 Courses.
- Apply for graduation through myMemphis.edu student portal at the beginning of the semester you plan to graduate. Please go to this link for information on the steps to graduate:  
<https://www.memphis.edu/commencement/apply/>

## Fall III Job-Embedded Candidates (3 Hours)

- ICL 7992 - Master's Project



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- An application is required one (1) semester prior to The Clinical Teaching Semester – ICL 7808.
- All clinical teaching candidates must take the Professional Seminar to obtain licensure- ICL 7993.
- (No other courses may be taken with the clinical teaching semester and/or the ICL 7993 Professional Seminar or 7992 Master's Project classes).
- Candidates who have an active Job Embedded Practitioner License will be exempt from submitting the edTPA.