

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT) PROGRAM

The unique Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program prepares you for long-term professional success.

Some teachers enter the classroom with a bachelor's degree. Others pursue a two-year master's degree. Our program is unique because you earn a master's by studying only one additional year beyond your undergrad degree.

Our professors are committed to your education and training. Our partner, Newport News Public Schools, offers hands-on opportunities that will make you classroom-ready.

For more information, cnu.edu/teacherprep or visit us at **McMurrin Hall 253**

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You'll study and make connections in one of the most beautiful and technologically advanced universities in the U.S. Our faculty members combine high-level, real-world experience with the deep understanding that comes from cutting-edge research. Because they're at Christopher Newport, a university that takes pride in small classes and personal instruction, your professors will be gifted, caring teachers. It's not just us saying this. Princeton Review recently ranked Christopher Newport among the nation's top 20 universities in key areas of interest to students. And our alumni rave about the support they receive to help launch their graduate education and careers.



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MAT Alumni Richard Long

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT

Christopher Newport offers several scholarships to students in the teacher preparation program (based on available funding). Many of our students receive financial support in several forms to ease their path to a graduate degree.

Blechman MAT Annual Scholarship

Awarded to recipients who will teach in a critical shortage area in Newport News after graduation

Wood-Shoemaker MAT Annual Scholarship

Awarded based on demonstrated financial need

Makibbin Endowed Scholarship

Preference given to students who plan to teach English or elementary

William E. Wood Scholarship

Awarded every other year to a rising senior accepted into the MAT program

RCD Thompson Teaching Scholarship

Awarded to an MAT candidate with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who also has demonstrated financial need

Roos Endowed Merit Scholarship

Awarded based on demonstrated financial need

James and Virginia Taylor Endowed Scholarship

Awarded to any MAT candidates



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Being an educator is rewarding, yet it is also a challenge that comes with heightened responsibility. The thoughtfully designed courses and field experience allowed me to develop into a qualified and confident teacher.

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- Zatyra Jackson



SO YOU WANT TO BE A TEACHER?

You've come to the right place! With our five-year plan, you'll earn a bachelor's degree, then in the final year, you'll complete graduate-level professional courses and a 14-week teaching internship.

What you'll learn

- How to plan, deliver and assess instruction to meet state and district objectives.
- How to build a nurturing learning environment.
- How to be a professional through your interaction with students, their families and other educators.

MAT'S BENEFITS

MAT advisers work closely with you from your first day on campus to map your education studies.

Our partnership with award-winning Newport News Public Schools opens the doors to valuable experiences close to campus. You can tutor in Newport News schools while enrolled in the MAT program and even get paid for substitute teaching. We make overseas teaching experiences possible in Belize and Ireland.

The MAT program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), and 48 additional states accept the Virginia teaching license.



CHOOSE YOUR FOCUS

You can earn a license to teach elementary school, secondary school, or special areas such as art, music, ESL, and Spanish (PK-12). Elementary and ESL teachers may major in any liberal arts or science discipline. Secondary 6-12 and PK-12 teachers in art, music, and Spanish must major in the areas they wish to teach. Teaching areas include visual art (PK-12), biology (6-12), chemistry (6-12), elementary (PK-6), English (6-12), history and social sciences (6-12), mathematics (6-12), music (choral or instrumental, PK-12), physics (6-12) and Spanish (PK-12).

OFF CAMPUS BUT STILL IN CLASS

You will observe vibrant classrooms and tutor and work with students in small groups. That adds up to 120 hours in schools, whether paid or as a volunteer.

Your 14-week internship will culminate with all the duties of a regular classroom teacher including lesson planning and delivery, grading and conferring with parents.

You may also grow your network and learn about new developments in the field by connecting with groups such as:

- NAFME (National Association for Music Education)
- Newport News Reading Council and Virginia State Reading Association
- SVEA (Student Virginia Education Association)
- VATE (Virginia Association of Teachers of English)
- VCSS (Virginia Council for the Social Studies)
- VCTM (Virginia Council for Teachers of Mathematics)



Following a semester-long course in cross-cultural teaching, students traveled to Belize, where they observed and assisted in teaching students in Ambergris Caye.

CONTINUE AN IMPRESSIVE TRADITION



"Teaching is unpredictable. No two days are ever the same. Jumping over hurdles with your students can be the most fulfilling moments in teaching. The MAT program gave me tools to overcome difficult moments." -Tyler Weldy



"I always appreciated how my teachers made learning fun while holding us to a high standard." -Lindsey Pantele

HOW TO APPLY

First, indicate your interest in the MAT when you apply for freshman admission. During your freshman year and beyond, two advisers will assist you with selecting the required courses.

In the spring of your junior year, complete the formal application for the MAT, submitting two letters of recommendation, a professional essay and a resume.

For test and academic requirements, please check our website:

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