



ONLINE MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

By joining American University’s online Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary Education program, you are taking a step toward helping to build a better society. We offer our students access to faculty practitioners, an engaging, antiracist curriculum, and the latest technology that prepares them to educate the next generation of elementary school students regardless of race, socioeconomic background, or learning disabilities. This program will teach you to turn learning differences into learning strengths as you delve deep into a cutting-edge curriculum that leverages advancements in neurodevelopment, social-emotional interventions, and a multidisciplinary approach to elementary education.

COURSE SCHEDULE

2 Hours	1-2 Hours	5-7 Hours	8-11 Hours
Synchronous	Asynchronous	Assignments	Total Weekly Hours
Live online classes	Self-paced discussions and other course-related work	Homework, projects, research, etc.	Hours are estimates and subject to change per course

QUICK FACTS

33

Credit Hours

600 Hours

of Fieldwork Fulfilled

Under 2 Years

Completion Time*

Summer and Fall

Annual Start Dates

Merit and Partner Scholarships Available

*Completion time is based on candidates following the prescribed course sequence.



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My journey at American University has been transformative and uplifting, [and] the program has opened my eyes to the importance of educational equity. Through collaborative learning and thoughtful reflection, I have grown as an educator and found my voice as a compassionate advocate committed to promoting meaningful change.”

Chantel Thompson
Class of 2025

WHAT MAKES THE MAT PROGRAM UNIQUE?



Professional network:

Grow your network in DC, Maryland, Virginia, and with our MAT graduates teaching in schools nationwide.



Real-world learning:

Effectively apply research to impact elementary school teaching.



Clinical experiences:

Gain invaluable hands-on experience under the guidance of an experienced educator in a classroom local to you.



Support team:

Receive comprehensive guidance and support from the time of application through graduation.

PARTNERSHIP DISCOUNTS

AU partners with local, regional, and national organizations to increase access to higher education. Our [partnerships](#) offer a **29% tuition scholarship** for partner members who want to make a lasting and positive difference in the lives of children and engage in transformative education policy and practice. Connect with our team to learn more.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- [Online application](#)
- Statement of purpose
- Résumé
- Unofficial transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Application fee

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our online MAT prepares graduates for a variety of positions. This naturally includes teaching children ages 6–12, but the pedagogical and organizational skills you develop can also be useful in teaching adults, designing curricula for others, and leading education staff. Some sample roles include:

Job Title	Median Annual Salary
Education administrator	\$103,460
Curriculum specialist	\$96,000
Educational consultant	\$82,000
Kindergarten or elementary school teacher	\$63,670
Adult educator	\$60,560

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Glassdoor, 2024.



READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP?

[Start Your Application](#)

or contact our enrollment team with any questions.

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