



# College of Education and Health Professions

## MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Sacred Heart University's Isabelle Farrington School of Education offers a graduate program leading to a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) for those who are certified public school teachers in Connecticut.

Designed for the classroom teacher, the MAT builds skills in the areas such as classroom instruction, curriculum development, and classroom management.



The Master of Arts in Teaching Program offers concentrations in the areas of Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Educational Technology, Literacy and Professional Enrichment.

*-Isabelle Farrington and Former SHU President Anthony J. Cernera, PhD*

## COURSE OF STUDY

The master's degree program requires completion of 33-36 credit hours of coursework. Courses may be taken on a full-time or part-time basis. Classes are scheduled during weekday evenings with some courses offered online. The program may be completed in 1.5 years of full-time study. Part-time students typically take 2 to 2.5 years of study to complete their course requirements. Those who received their initial teaching certificate through Sacred Heart University may receive credit for some course work already completed.

## TEACHER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

MAT candidates gain valuable experience in our tuition-paid, full-time Internship program in which we partner with numerous school districts in the local area. Interns are placed in a school system for one year to serve as instructional assistants, while pursuing their graduate studies in evening classes. Students who complete the year-long internship will receive the equivalent of 33 credits of graduate tuition applied to their Sacred Heart University student account.

### *Sacred Heart University*

- SHU is the second-largest Catholic university in New England with over 6,000 in attendance.
- *The Princeton Review* includes SHU among the *Best 368 Colleges*, while *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* ranks SHU in the top tier of Master's Universities in the North in its annual college rankings.
- Sacred Heart University is set on 65 acres in suburban Fairfield, Connecticut, ranked in the top places to live in the Northeast and #9 in the country in *Money* magazine's 2006 list of "Best Places to Live." Fairfield is 90 minutes from Manhattan and 150 minutes from Boston.

### *Admissions Information*

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## MAT PLAN OF STUDY

Courses are 3 credits unless otherwise noted

### Category I: Foundations

COURSES (CHOOSE ONE)

- ED 501 Role of the Teacher
- ED 523 Multicultural Education
- ED 552 Education in the United States
- ED 600 Characteristics of Effective Schools

### Category II: Expressive/Receptive Communications

COURSES (CHOOSE TWO)

- ED 505 Adolescent Literature
- ED 510 Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Areas
- ED 513 Developmental Reading: Elementary
- ED 514 Developmental Reading: Secondary
- ED 515 Children's Literature
- ED 518 Reading and Language Arts: Balanced Literacy
- ED 538 Process Writing: Elementary
- ED 539 Process Writing: Secondary
- ED 566 Classroom Management
- ED 571 Storytelling
- ED 575 Creative Drama in the Classroom
- ED 631 Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties

### Category III: Seminar Requirement

(prerequisite: 24 credit hours)

COURSES (CHOOSE ONE)

- ED 568 Education of the Gifted
- ED 599 Seminar in Historical Fiction
- ED 603 Seminar in Education
- ED 609 Multiple Intelligences
- ED 686 Special Topics in Computer Education
- ED 690 Nurturing the Imagination of the Teacher

### Category IV: Electives

Two courses chosen with an advisor

### Category V: Concentration

Students select four courses for focused study in their area of interest. Areas of concentration include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Educational Technology
- Reading
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Professional Enrichment

### Category VI: Terminal Requirement

COURSES (CHOOSE ONE)

Students may choose one of the following options:

- ED 590 Master's Project
- ED 597 Comprehensive Exam
- ED 596 Publishing in Professional Journals (6 credits)  
and ED 600 Characteristics of Effective Schools  
or ED 625 Thesis Seminar
- ED 642 Special Projects in Education Technology
- ED 659 Professional Seminar

**Total Credits for MAT 33-36**

## Admissions Requirements

Applications and all supporting materials (letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.) are to be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

Students are responsible for submission of all application materials. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible concerning any admission decision regarding their application. In order to complete an application file for the MAT program, applicants are required to submit the following:

- Completed Application for Graduate Study. The application may be completed online at [www.sacredheart.edu/gradapp.cfm](http://www.sacredheart.edu/gradapp.cfm)
- Non-refundable \$50 application fee
- Official transcripts from ALL colleges and universities you have attended. *Sacred Heart University students and alumni may authorize the Office of Graduate Admissions to obtain their official SHU transcripts on their behalf. Contact the Office of Graduate Admissions for an authorization form.*
- Two letters of recommendation
- A current resume
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Copy of official current teacher certification
- Preliminary Plan of Study - please call the Education Department Office at (203) 371-7808 to meet with a faculty advisor.
- Proof of background check

MAT applicants who are not certified to teach must meet additional admissions requirements, including a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale), passing scores on the Praxis I test or an official waiver, and submission of an essay explaining reasons for entering the MAT degree program. Finally, applicants must attend an Admissions Review session for an interview with program faculty members. Applicants will be contacted by the Office of Graduate Admissions once the application file is complete in order to schedule an appointment for this mandatory interview.

