

K-12 Special Education Post Bacc Mat - Accessing the General Curriculum

Steps to Apply to K-12 SPED Post Baccalaureate M.A.T.

STEP ONE: Transcript Review and Interview:

Schedule a meeting with Dr. Sharon Blatz (Program Director). You will need to bring a copy of your Undergraduate Transcript(s) (unofficial is sufficient to determine eligibility and any prerequisite courses that may be needed).

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STEP TWO: Applying to Graduate School

Complete the on-line Graduate School Application, applying to the Special Education Post-Baccalaureate M.A.T. (**NOT the 5th Year format**). <http://www.jmu.edu/grad/>. The order of applying and taking tests for applying to The Graduate School is not important. Applications will be reviewed after all items have been received.

Required for Application:

- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended,
- Two Letters of Recommendation, one from someone who can speak of your ability as a student and another who can speak of your professional dispositions.
- Professional Resume, and
- 2-3 page written statement describing your professional background, the education issues or topics that you would like to address during your master's program and your long-term professional goals.

NOTE: your application to the Graduate School, if accepted, will likely be “conditionally” accepted. After all the conditions have been met, including being fully accepted into Teacher Education, Step 3, your status can be upgraded to “unconditional”. It is your responsibility to let your advisor know when all conditions have been met. These conditions (receipt of satisfactory Praxis scores, etc.) must be met before registering for the 2nd semester of classes.

STEP THREE: Applying to Teacher Education

After you have been admitted to the Graduate School and have received your student ID, you may apply for admission to **Teacher Education**. Your application to Teacher Education is the first step in the process toward obtaining your Virginia State License to teach. For full directions on how to apply to teacher education go to the ESC website (<https://www.jmu.edu/coe/esc/admission-licensure.shtml>).