

STUDENT TEACHING

Student teaching provides elementary, middle, secondary, art, and special education students who are earning an education license and a master's degree the opportunity to design, implement, and evaluate instruction under the direct supervision of a licensed teacher. This internship is the equivalent of two full courses. Along with working in the schools, student teachers take the Student Teaching Seminar. The class examines issues raised through the student teaching experience, supports the construction of the professional portfolio required for Vermont teacher licensure, and bridges the transition from student teacher to professional practitioner. As a community of learners, we address the themes of creativity, curiosity, contemplation, collaboration, reflection, and social justice through topics such as student diversity, classroom management and culture, standards-based lesson and unit planning, instructional strategies, and assessment. Students develop skills together to successfully enter the teaching profession and create a professional development trajectory.

A TRANSFORMATIVE CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

GED 691: Personalized Inquiry: Finding Your Why (2 credits) – This bi-weekly mission-driven seminar will run concurrently with the Student Teaching Seminar and conclude with a week-long immersion in a personalized inquiry project. Using research as well as interviews and observations with teacher-leaders and educational change agents, students will investigate an area of burgeoning passion that will provide a foundation for their professional vision. The course will emphasize professional learning, ethical practice, leadership, and collaboration, as students dig deeply into a question or topic that sparked their interest during student teaching. This intensive seminar will culminate in a "Finding Your Why" Summit where students will share their findings in a variety of formats including TED Talks, digital storytelling, visual arts, multimedia exhibits, and creative writing.

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Whichever you choose, you'll have a breadth of opportunities, materials, experiences and professional mentoring that places our education program with the most highly regarded in the region among professional educators.



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LICENSE & MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION?

- › Adult Education Teacher
- › Alumni Relations Coordinator
- › Athletic Coach
- › Athletic Director
- › Child Life Specialist
- › Day Care Administrator
- › Education Management
- › Educ. Materials Sales
- › Education-Training Admin.
- › Educational Resource
- › Employee Trainer
- › Financial Aid Counselor
- › Grant Writer
- › Historic Site Administrator
- › Instructor, College/Univer.
- › Licensed Teacher
- › Librarian
- › Media Center Specialist
- › Missionary Worker
- › Preschool Administrator
- › Registrar/Admissions Dir.
- › Training Specialist
- › Social Services Volunteer
- › Student Personnel Admin.
- › Student Admissions Admin.
- › Student Affairs Admin.
- › Tutor
- › Vocational Rehab Counselor

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

SPECIAL EDUCATION

TEACHER LICENSURE & MASTER'S DEGREE IN ONE YEAR

The Mission of the Education Programs at Saint Michael's College is to contribute to the advancement of culture through education, with an emphasis on creativity, curiosity, contemplation, collaboration, reflection and social justice.



PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

The Saint Michael's College Master of Arts in Teaching program (MAT) provides an innovative and intensive experience that attracts bright and passionate candidates from diverse backgrounds to be agents of change in the field of education. The MAT is an accelerated one- or two-year program that is competitively priced and leads to initial licensure and a master's degree.

Program Features

- Multiple field placements with expert Vermont teachers
- Diverse opportunities to explore the progressive educational practices for which the state is known
- A rigorous and comprehensive course sequence
- Collaborative cohort model culminating in a transformative capstone experience

The MAT is designed as a fifth-year initial licensure option for undergraduates as well as a stand-alone licensure and master's degree program for those seeking a career change.

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Master of Arts in Teaching – Special Education Concentration Map

	BEFORE PROGRAM	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2	FALL	SPRING	
WHAT COURSES DO I NEED?	Any possible pre-requisite courses in your licensure area	GED 516: Educational Foundations: Understanding the Past and Creating the Future (3 credits) GED 632: Assessment of Students within General and Special Education (3 credits)	<u>Summer Intercession</u> GED 633: Legal and Professional Issues in Special Education (3 credits)	GED 631: Learning, Development and Individual Differences (3 credits) GED 643: Multisensory Language-Based Literacy Instruction for Students with Disabilities (3 credits)	GED 581: Social/Emotional Development and Individual Differences (3 credits) GED 528: Pre-K-6 Curriculum, Assessment and Management (4 credits) OR GED 547: Middle and Secondary Curriculum and Assessment (4 credits) GED 612: Math and Diversity (3 credits) GED 640: Language and Learning (3 credits)	GED 661: Special Education Practicum (6 credits) GED 662: Special Education Seminar (3 credits) GED 691: Personalized Inquiry: Finding Your Why (2 credits)
WHAT PLACEMENT EXPERIENCES WILL I HAVE?		Public School Placement, 5 hours/week	No placement	Public Summer School Placement	Practicum in Student Teaching Placement, 6 hours/week	Student Teaching Placement, Full time
WHAT ARE MY LICENSURE RESPONSIBILITIES?	Apply to Program: Application Official transcript(s) Two references with letters of recommendation Resume Interview Take Praxis Core	Pass Praxis Core Maintain a 3.0 in your program Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence Apply to Student Teach Fingerprint & Background Check before Student Teaching Starts Resume and Cover Letter	Pass Praxis Core Maintain a 3.0 in your program Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence Fingerprint & Background Check before Student Teaching Starts	Pass Praxis II Maintain a 3.0 in your program Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence	Student Teach Maintain a 3.0 in your program Complete Licensure Portfolio	
HOW DO I LAUNCH MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE?		Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops Update Resume and Cover Letter	Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops Update Resume and Cover Letter	Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops Update Resume and Cover Letter Create Job Application/ SchoolSpring Account	Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops Update Resume and Cover Letter Request from three people who have seen you teach to write a letter of Recommendation Create Job Application/ SchoolSpring Account	
HOW CAN I ENGAGE IN SOCIALLY ACTIVE, ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES?	Collaborative Cohort Model Conversation Partners Substitute Teaching MAT Workshop Series MAT Gatherings					