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.

The MAT offers licensure tracks in art, elementary (grades K-6), middle (grades 5-9), secondary (grades 7-12), and special education (K-8, grade 7-age 21, or K-age 21) with the option of pursuing additional endorsements in English Language Learners (ELL), early childhood education (age 3-grade 3), and special education. For more information contact Dr. Amy Saks Pavese, MAT Coordinator, at asakspavese@smcvt.edu or 802.654.2826.
### Master of Arts in Teaching – Special Education Concentration Map

#### BEFORE PROGRAM

**WHAT COURSES DO I NEED?**
- Any possible pre-requisite courses in your licensure area

**Session A**
- **GED 516:** Educational Foundations: Understanding the Past and Creating the Future (3 credits)
- **GED 631:** Learning, Development and Individual Differences (3 credits)

**Session B**
- **GED 643:** Multisensory Language-Based Literacy Instruction for Students with Disabilities (3 credits)
- **GED 633:** Legal and Professional Issues in Special Education (3 credits)

**Session C**
- **GED 632:** Assessment of Students within General and Special Education (3 credits)
- **GED 581:** Social/Emotional Development and Individual Differences (3 credits)
- **GED 612:** Math and Diversity (3 credits)
- **GED 640:** Language and Learning (3 credits)

**OR**
- **GED 528:** Pre-K-6 Curriculum, Assessment, and Management (4 credits)
- **GED 547:** Middle and Secondary Curriculum and Assessment (4 credits)

**WHAT PLACEMENT EXPERIENCES WILL I HAVE?**
- Public School Placement, 5 hours/week
- Public Summer School Placement
- No Placement

**Session B**
- Practicum in Student Teaching Placement, 6 hours/week

**WHAT ARE MY LICENSURE RESPONSIBILITIES?**
- Apply to Program: Application, Official Transcript(s), Two references with letters of recommendation, Resume, Interview, Take Praxis Core
- Apply to Student Teach Pass Praxis Core
- Maintain a 3.0 in your program
- Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence Resume & Cover Letter Fingerprint & Background Check before Student Teaching Starts

**HOW DO I LAUNCH MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE?**
- Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops, Update Resume & Cover Letter

**HOW DO I ENGAGE IN SOCIALLY ACTIVE, ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES?**
- Collaborative Cohort Model
- Conversation Partners
- Substitute Teaching
- MAT Workshop Series
- MAT Gatherings

**FALL**

**Session B**
- **GED 661:** Special Education Practicum (6 credits)
- **GED 662:** Special Education Seminar (3 credits)
- **GED 691:** Personalized Inquiry: Finding Your Why (2 credits)

**WHAT ARE MY LICENSURE RESPONSIBILITIES?**
- Maintain a 3.0 in your program
- Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence

**HOW DO I LAUNCH MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE?**
- Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops, Update Resume & Cover Letter

**HOW DO I ENGAGE IN SOCIALLY ACTIVE, ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES?**
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**SPRING**

**Session B**
- **GED 663:** Assessment of Students within General and Special Education (3 credits)

**WHAT ARE MY LICENSURE RESPONSIBILITIES?**
- Maintain a 3.0 in your program
- Collect Licensure Portfolio Evidence

**HOW DO I LAUNCH MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE?**
- Attend Conferences and Professional Workshops, Update Resume & Cover Letter, Request letters of recommendation from three people who have seen you teach, Create Job Application/SchoolSpring Account

**HOW DO I ENGAGE IN SOCIALLY ACTIVE, ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES?**
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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 Special Education 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.