

Drew University Master of Arts in Teaching Program

The Drew University Master of Arts in Teaching program focuses on developing strong candidates for initial teacher licensure in New Jersey secondary schools. The program emphasizes three strands across its one-year and two-year tracks: strong content knowledge, strong pedagogy and the development of 21st century skills for our increasingly globalized world. Located in the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies on Drew's campus in Madison, the program draws on the expertise of clinical and academic faculty at the University to offer challenging coursework that encourages students to merge theory and practice across an articulated academic track.

Students have the choice of a one-year, three-semester degree program or a longer, two-year part-time track. Most course offerings are scheduled in the evenings to allow working professionals to begin their studies while maintaining employment. Generally, students enter the program with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science major in the content area in which they plan to teach. They build additional credits in their content area during an individually tailored course of study.

During their degree program, our graduates expand a repertoire of lessons, unit plans and assessments that center on developing global awareness, addressing the needs of diverse learners and embracing the challenges of education reform. Our graduates learn to navigate changes in curriculum as well as new teacher and student assessments in public school settings. Through field experiences and student teaching practicum, graduates hone skills as they deliver content and manage classrooms. Students work in a range of school settings from urban to suburban schools. Our co-teaching model allows our student teachers to develop expertise in a wide array of academic settings, from Advanced Placement classes to inclusive settings, under the guidance of highly effective professional teachers.

Since its inception in 2005, the Drew MAT program has graduated candidates who received initial licensure in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Biology, Physics, Mathematics, World Languages (French, Italian & Spanish), Chemistry and Theater Arts. Our graduates currently teach in public schools across New Jersey, as well as in Maryland, New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Pennsylvania and the Republic of China. Though most graduates accept teaching positions in traditional public school settings, some work in charter schools and in private schools. The Drew University Master of Arts in Teaching is in the final stages of securing national accreditation by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) under the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).