ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING (MAT)

Admission Requirements

Admission to the MAT program is based on an evaluation of undergraduate work, professional experience, and potential to succeed in a teaching environment. Secondary education candidates must meet USBE endorsement requirements in the content area they intend to teach before they can be admitted to the MAT program. This includes completion of all required coursework for an endorsement. Please refer to the Utah State Board of Education's Educator Endorsements website to see if you meet state requirements.

Students may enter the program at the beginning of the Fall or Summer semester for MAT Arts track only.

A candidate for admission must submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Completed application form
- Official college or university transcripts from each institution attended showing proof of baccalaureate degree. Transcripts or test scores are considered official when sent directly from the school or testing service.
- Personal statement—address the following questions in approximately 2 pages, double-spaced:
  - Describe why you are becoming a teacher
  - Elaborate on some experiences that you've had while teaching
  - Describe strengths that you would bring to the teaching profession

When an individual's application file is complete with required documents according to application dates, the application materials are evaluated by the MAT Admissions Committee. Once accepted to the program, the applicant must submit a $250 tuition deposit in 30 days or less, which guarantees a place in the entering class. Westminster operates rolling admissions, so it is best to apply as soon as possible. To preserve the faculty to student ratio, space availability in each class is limited. Westminster University reserves the right to close the class earlier than dates specified if enrollment goals are met before those dates.

Note: Formal admission to the MAT Program does not guarantee a recommendation for licensure. Recommendation for licensure is made only upon completion of MAT degree requirements. Therefore, a teaching license will not be recommended without full completion of the MAT and the MAT will not be awarded without recommendation for a teaching license.