

Pre-Requisite Coursework for Admission to the  
Middle/High School MAT Program  
ART Endorsement

**I. GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MIDDLE/HIGH AREAS**

**A. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION BASED ON EXPERIENCES WORKING WITH YOUTH**

Letters of recommendation documenting two successful experiences working with groups of children or adolescents. **Experiences in public schools are preferred, and experiences working with students at the Middle and High School ages are recommended for this level.**

The School of Education recommends students consider taking one or two undergraduate courses related to Education, such as Ed 251, Ed 252, or Ed 253 that offer academic and/or field-based opportunities for students to explore interests in the teaching profession.

**B. BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

Program participants must have a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in a field appropriate to the specialty endorsement area (see "Degree Major" below).

**C. GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

Applicants should have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the most recent 90 quarter or 60 semester hours of undergraduate work, and a 3.0 GPA for courses completed in the selected endorsement area. Applicants who have a GPA lower than 3.0 may apply for post-baccalaureate admission.

**II. REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE ART ENDORSEMENT**

**A. DEGREE MAJOR:** Students must complete a major in Art or equivalent coursework.

**B. PRE-REQUISITE COURSEWORK:** Courses listed are those offered by Southern Oregon University. Students with Art degrees from other universities must demonstrate comparable depth & breadth of Art coursework

- Art 133: Drawing
- Art 290: Painting
- Art 210: Printmaking
- Art 240: Photography
- Art 291: Sculpture
- Art 255: Ceramics
- DMF 201: Digital Media Foundations
- ArtH 204, 205 & 206: History of Art
- ArtH 260: Art Theory & Critical Issues

At least two of the following courses:

- ArtH 344: Art, Culture and Politics
- ArtH 450: Race, Gender, Ethnicity
- ArtH 330: Art, Culture & Technology
- ArtH 345: Activist Art
- ArtH 446: Contemporary Art

Concentration in one subject area (12 upper division credits)

Studio Electives (12 upper division credits)

**C. TESTING:** Admission to the MAT Middle/High School Program requires a passing score on either a Basic Skills test OR a Subject Knowledge test. (NOTE: Passing scores on both types of tests are required for program completion, though either can be used for admission purposes). Information about these tests is provided below.

Basic Skills Tests: an applicant can choose either the:

California Basic Educational Skill Test (CBEST). Information at [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com)

OR

Praxis I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST). Information at [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)

Subject Knowledge Tests:

Beginning September 1, 2010, candidates for Oregon teacher licensure at the Middle/High level must pass the Pearson National Evaluation Series (NES) test in their chosen endorsement area. Information about the NES tests (including registration, the

location of test centers, passing scores, and sample test questions) can be found online at [http://www.orela.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN\\_Tests.html](http://www.orela.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html)

NOTE: This test has replaced the previously required PRAXIS II Subject Knowledge Test. If, however, a person passed the required PRAXIS II Subject Knowledge Tests prior to September 1, 2010, these scores can be used to satisfy the subject knowledge testing requirements for the Oregon teacher license.

- D. PORTFOLIO REVIEW:** Applicant interviews take place in March & include a portfolio review. Qualified applicants will demonstrate their engagement with art process and the ability to communicate effectively about their work.

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