

Admissions Requirements for the Early Childhood/Elementary Cohort

- A Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Students are encouraged to select an undergraduate major that is a significant part of an elementary school curriculum, e.g., English, Math, science, or social science. However, admission requirements do not specify a particular undergraduate major for this authorization level.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the most recent 90 quarter or 60 semester hours of undergraduate work.
- Passing scores on a basic skills test. Students may choose the California Basic Education Skills Test (CBEST), the Praxis-I Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST), or the computerized PPST. Basic skills test must be taken by application deadline. **Please note that testing times are very limited. Plan ahead. Deadlines are set and must be met.**
- Letters of recommendation documenting two successful experiences working with groups of children or adolescents in organized programs offered by social agencies. **Experiences in public schools are preferred.** The Education Department 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.
- Passing scores on the Oregon Educator Licensure Assessments (ORELA) Multiple Subjects Exams. The two tests required for admission are:
Subtest 001: Language Arts, Social Science, The Arts, AND
Subtest 002: Mathematics, Science, Health and Physical Education.
(Please note: If taken and passed between October 1995 and June 2005, the Praxis Multiple Subjects Assessment for Teachers (MSAT) Content Knowledge #10140 and MSAT Content Area Exercises #20151 exams may be substituted for the ORELA Subtests 001 and 002.)

Please note: Students who can document second language proficiency and/or multicultural experiences will strengthen their application for admission to the MAT program. **This is no longer an admission requirement.**

Course Pre-requisites

- Math 211, 212, 213 or the equivalent approved by the Mathematics Department
- 12 quarter hours in Social Science with at least one course in Geography, one course in History, and one course in behavioral science (Psychology, Sociology, or Anthropology)
- 12 quarter hours in Language Arts with at least one course in Writing, one course in English (literature), and one course in Communication
- 12 quarter hours in Science with at least one course in physical science (i.e., Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Astronomy) and one course in biological science (i.e., Biology, Botany, Zoology, Anatomy/Physiology)