

## Admissions Requirements for the Elementary/Middle School Cohort

- A Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants 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.
- Applicants must select a subject preparation area and be able to document in-depth knowledge in this subject by either completing a major in the subject or passing the appropriate Praxis specialty area test. The approved middle school subject areas are Art, Biology, Health, Integrated Science, Language Arts, Math, Music, Physical Education, Social Studies, and Spanish.
- 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)