

Centenary College of Louisiana | Department of Education

Application for Graduate Admission | Master of Arts in Teaching

Department of Education
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ADMISSION DEADLINES

All transcripts, scores, and required documents must be received in the Department of Education office by the deadlines for that term.

Fall Term Admission – **July 1**; Spring Term Admission – **October 15**; Summer Term Admission – **March 15**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS

All documents submitted for admission become the property of Centenary College and cannot be returned to the applicants.

1. Applicants should have a non-education bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited traditional college or university. Online, distance learning, or degrees from non-traditional institutions will be assessed on a per applicant basis.
 - a. Applicants should have a career grade point average of 2.5 or better (4.0 system) for all work pursued, including graduate and undergraduate grades.
 - b. Applicants must be academically eligible to return to their previous institutions.
 - c. Please note that admission to the MAT program does not guarantee licensure. Individuals who have been convicted of any felony or of misdemeanor offenses involving sexual crimes, minor children, and/or illegal drugs are generally not eligible for teaching licensure in the state of Louisiana. If you have questions about your specific circumstances, please contact education@centenary.edu.
2. The application packet should include:
 - a. a completed copy of this application
 - b. A written **Essay**, of no more than 500 words, explaining your career progression to date, your significant career accomplishments, your professional strengths, and your professional goals.
 - c. A current **Resume**.
 - d. **Immunization Records** including the Meningococcal Vaccination.
 - e. A \$50 non-refundable **Application Fee** via check or money order made payable to *Centenary College*. **DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL**. This fee may also be paid online at Centenary.edu/MATfee. This fee is waived for Centenary alumni. This fee is waived for Centenary alumni.
3. Additional required application materials include:
 - a. One complete **Official Transcript** from every institution previously attended, including all undergraduate and graduate work sent from the institution directly to the Centenary Department of Education. Transcripts from at least one of the previously attended institutions should show evidence of completion of a bachelor's degree.
 - b. Passing scores on the following Praxis tests as mandated by the State of Louisiana Department of Education. The specific tests required will vary depending on the certification area; details about the specific Praxis tests is available at <https://www.centenary.edu/praxis/>.
 - i. **Praxis I –Core Academic Skills for Educators (#5752)**
 1. Candidates with a composite ACT score of at least 22 or an SAT combined verbal/critical reading and math score of 1100 or higher (new SAT) or 1030 or higher (pre-March 2016 SAT), or candidates with an earned Master's degree may substitute these credentials for Praxis I scores.
 2. Candidates with composite ACT scores of 22-25 and/or an undergraduate grade point average of less than 3.0 will be limited to taking one class per term until they have established a reliable record of performance in the MAT program.
 - ii. **Praxis II –Content Area** (specific test(s) depend on the certification area, please see <https://www.centenary.edu/praxis/> and contact education@centenary.edu with any questions)
 1. Candidates cannot be admitted to the program without passing Praxis II scores. However, under some circumstances, candidates may enroll in limited MAT coursework (one course per term for a maximum of two terms) while working to successfully complete this requirement for admission. If you have questions about whether this might apply to you, please contact education@centenary.edu.
4. Upon receipt of the above materials, applicants will be contacted to schedule an **interview** with faculty members of the Department of Education and **references** will be contacted.

Centenary College of Louisiana encourages application for admission from all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin in its admission policies, loan programs or other college programs, policies and activities. In compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Centenary College will make every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of its students with disabilities.

GRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE MAT PROGRAM

Application for admission beginning in: Fall 20____ Spring20____ Summer20____

In what area are you seeking certification? Elementary, 1-5 Secondary, 6-12 K-12 Choral Music Escadrille

If Secondary, circle area of certification: Biology Business Chemistry English
 French General Science Mathematics Physics
 Social Studies Spanish

How did you hear about Centenary's MAT Program? _____

Name _____
 Last First Middle Initial Maiden (if applicable)

Social Security Number _____

Mailing Address _____
 Street Address

City State Zip

Primary Phone _____ home cell Work Phone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

U. S. Citizen YES NO If no, state nationality _____

Legal Residence (State) _____ Years in residence _____ Parish/County _____

High School Attended _____
 Name of High School City State

EDUCATION INFORMATION

List *all* colleges and universities you have attended:

NAME AND LOCATION	FROM – TO (Semester/Quarter)	DEGREES RECEIVED	DATE AWARDED

Are you eligible to return to the LAST institution you attended YES NO

CURRENT EMPLOYER

Name of School or Company Parish

Address City State Zip

IF EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Years teaching in this school? _____ Total years teaching? _____ Years teaching in Louisiana? _____

Principal/Supervisor Name: _____ Supervisor Phone: _____

REFERENCES (Please list two academic and/or professional references)

Name _____ Phone _____

How long have they known you? _____ In what context/relationship? _____

Address _____

Name _____ Phone _____

How long have they known you? _____ In what context/relationship? _____

Address _____

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Phone _____

OTHER REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Your application is not considered completed until the following documentation is received by the Education Department.

Documents to include with your application

- This signed application
- Essay
- Current Resume
- Immunization Records
- \$50 Application Fee

Documents to send under separate cover

- Official Transcripts from all institutions attended
- Praxis I
- Praxis II, content area

Upon completion of your application materials, an interview will be scheduled with faculty members of the Education Department and references will be contacted.

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct. I agree to be governed by the academic standards and policies of Centenary College of Louisiana, in making application for admission to Centenary College, and in compliance with the provisions of the "Family Education Rights and Privacy Act" of 1974. I affirm that I will be responsible for the payment of all fees and that I will comply with the regulations regarding fees, expenses, and refunds outlined in the current College catalogue.

Signature _____ Date _____

Completion of this form is optional.

We are an organization that values diversity. For this reason, we invite you to indicate your gender and race/ethnicity below. This information will be used by the department to track our efforts at improving the diversity of our program. This information is kept separate from your application and is not used for decisions about acceptance to the program. Submission of this information is voluntary and refusal to provide it will not subject you to any adverse treatment.

INVITATION TO SELF-IDENTIFY

Gender: _____

Race/Ethnic Identification:

Please mark the **one box** that describes the race/ethnicity category with which you primarily identify.

	Two or More Races: a person who primarily identifies with two or more of the race/ethnicity categories listed.
	American Indian or Alaska Native: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
	Asian: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
	Black or African American: a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
	Hispanic or Latino: a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
	White: a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
	I do not wish to disclose.