



# Pittsburg State University

Pittsburg, KS

## Department of Special Services and Leadership Studies

### Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary with Emphasis in Special Education

License: Adaptive Special Education 6-12

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), secondary with an emphasis in special education, is an innovative program for special education paraeducators who hold a BS or BA degree in a non-teaching content area and seek licensure to teach special education in an adaptive, secondary setting. To be eligible for the program, a candidate must have at least 1 year of experience as a paraeducator in a school district, be currently employed and remain employed as a paraeducator in a 6-12 adaptive setting for the duration of the program.

#### Admission Requirements

- Undergraduate degree; 3.0 GPA
- At least one year of experience as a paraeducator in a special education classroom
- Current and continued employment as a **paraeducator\*** in a adaptive secondary special education classroom

#### Application procedures

Candidate must:

- Apply through the Office of Graduate Studies
- Submit a transcript to be audited by PSU licensure officer
- Provide a letter of recommendation from district superintendent, director of special education or supervisor that includes verification of at least one year of experience as a paraeducator
- Provide 2 letters of recommendation
- Successfully complete admission requirements
- Pass a basic skills test (PPST or C-BASE) and a content test

#### Curriculum for Masters of Arts Secondary with Emphasis in Special Education

PSYCH 810	Advanced Educational Psychology .....	3
CURIN 839	Techniques for Teaching Secondary .....	3
CURIN 825	The Professional Semester Teacher – Initial Experience .....	3
SSLS 745	Behavior Analysis and Management .....	3
CURIN 870	Developmental Reading Instruction .....	3
SSLS 738	Characteristics of Students with Adaptive Learning Needs .....	3
SSLS 750	Assessment in Special Education .....	3
SSLS 780	Teaching Secondary Students with Adaptive Learning Needs.....	3
SSLS 861	The Professional Special Educator .....	3
SSLS 849	Partnerships with Families of Exceptional Children and Youth.....	3
SSLS 761	Practicum I: Adaptive Learning Needs.....	3
SSLS 744	Special Education Technology .....	3
Total Hours Required .....		36

**Paraeducator\*:** Non-certified employee qualified to assist licensed staff in the instruction of students with disabilities. Duties typically include: implementation of goals and objectives included in the student's individualized educational plan (IEP); assisting individual and small groups of learners in instructional activities; implementation of behavior and disciplinary plans; and preparation of instructional materials designed by licensed staff.