

## Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

The prospective graduate student in UMass Global must demonstrate his or her readiness to succeed in graduate-level academic coursework by satisfactorily fulfilling one of the following admission options. All graduate admissions options listed below require an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

The GPA is calculated over the most recent 30 graded semester (45 quarter) credits completed in either a baccalaureate or post baccalaureate program, including credits earned toward a credential. All credits used for GPA calculation must be from a regionally accredited institution. For graduates of regionally accredited institutions that do not conduct a GPA calculation, an official letter from the University determining grade equivalency will be accepted.

- Option One:** GPA 3.0 or above
- Option Two:** GPA between 2.75 and 2.99, must have a passing score on one of the examinations listed below:
  - ✓ Graduate Record Examination (GRE): achieve the required minimum scores on two out of the three subsections:
    - The minimum acceptable score for the Quantitative section is 141
    - The minimum acceptable score for the Verbal section is 150
    - The minimum acceptable score for the Analytic Writing is 4.5
  - ✓ Miller Analogies Test (MAT): achieve a minimum scaled score of 403
  - ✓ Subject Matter Competency Examination:
    - Earn passing score on all subsets of the appropriate content area CSET.
      - Exceptions are Foundational Level General Math where only subtests I and II are required and Foundational Level Science where only subtests I and II are required.

**NOTE:** The CSET is not required for the Early Childhood Special Education credential

- Option Three:** This Option is not available for this program: MAT
- Option Four:** GPA between 2.5 – 2.74 **Portfolio of Evidence**, and must have passing scores on **CBEST**, and one of the approved graduate admission exams listed in Option Two above.
- Option Four:** GPA below 2.5 the submission of both a **Portfolio of Evidence**, demonstrating adequate preparation for graduate studies, and the **Exceptional Admit Petition** are required.

Both, must contain ALL of the following requirements, in an electronic (PDF) formatted document, emailed to your Enrollment Coach.

- ✓ **Writing samples** that show graduate level communication and analytical skills (at least two). For example, a graded paper for a prior course, a publication, or some other peer-reviewed writing sample.
- ✓ A **detailed resume** showing professional development and achievements, awards, and/or professional recognition.
- ✓ **Letters of reference**, at least two, beyond what was submitted for admission, from persons who can attest to the applicant's ability to do graduate-level work. For example, recommendation(s) from a faculty person (not a neighbor or friend). A letter from a work supervisor is acceptable, but it should not be the only letter submitted.
- ✓ **Letter of explanation** detailing the reasons the applicant believes he/she is a good candidate for graduate study in the discipline requested. For example, why the GPA was below the expected standard.

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**Exceptional Admit:**

- ✓ Petition for Exceptional Admission form.
- ✓ Letter from candidate specifying exceptional admission criteria and how those criteria have been met. The student should also address why they feel they are capable of graduate-level work.
- ✓ Passing score on CBEST or one of the CTC approved basic skills exams and one of the approved graduate admission examinations specified below:
  - GRE, MAT, CSET (passage of all subtest of the appropriate subject matter exam). Passing scores can be found in the catalog.
    - Graduate Record Examination (GRE): achieve the required minimum scores on two out of the three subsections. The minimum acceptable score for the Quantitative section is 141. The minimum acceptable score for the Verbal section is 150. The minimum acceptable score for the Analytic Writing is 4.5.
    - Miller Analogies Test (MAT): achieve a minimum scaled score of 403.
    - California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET): Successfully pass the subtests of the appropriate California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET). Please email the Teacher Accreditation Department at [credentialalerts@umassglobal.edu](mailto:credentialalerts@umassglobal.edu) if there are questions about which CSET is required for your credential program.
- ✓ Three current letters of reference attesting to the candidate's ability to complete graduate coursework (cannot be older than two years).

**Graduate Exam Taken: You must submit official evidence of passing scores with this petition**