

Quinnipiac

School of Education

Master of Arts in Teaching Program

Frequently Asked Questions

5-Year Applicants

How do I apply?

The 5-Year Master of Arts in Teaching program welcomes all freshmen and sophomore students who have an interest in becoming a teacher. When you apply to Quinnipiac, you simply state that you are interested in becoming a teacher, or you want to explore your options to become a teacher. Once you indicate that teaching might be for you, our faculty and advisors will help you to choose the courses you need. There is no limit on the number of students we enroll in the 5-Year MAT program. In the spring of sophomore year, the School of Education faculty will review your grade point average and request an interview with you as part of your continuation in the 5-year program. The full list of requirements which you must complete to remain in the 5-Year MAT program can be found here: <https://www.qu.edu/student-resources/academic-catalog.html>

Is there a deadline for joining the MAT program?

You are advised to take ED 140 freshman year. It is recommended that you take ED 140 no later than fall of your sophomore year as there are additional ED courses which must be completed before the start of junior year.

Are there any admission tests?

No admission tests are required; however, you will be asked to provide evidence of one of the following basic skills assessments: Praxis Core Academic Tests; SAT or ACT. If your scores are not considered proficient, you can either take and pass the Praxis Core Academic Tests or submit Khan Academy tutorials in the areas of reading, writing and/or math.

What grades do I need to be admitted into the Master's program?

A minimum 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA (from all colleges and universities attended) with a subject area major or appropriate interdisciplinary major (applicants with overall GPA's below 2.67 will not be considered).

When do 5-year students start taking education courses?

Three courses are offered in your freshman & sophomore years: ED 140, ED 250 & ED 260 on the Mt. Carmel campus. You will continue your Education courses on the North Haven campus in your junior, senior and graduate years.

Is there a student organization for teachers-to-be that I can join my freshman year? Yes. It is called QFTO, Quinnipiac Future Teachers Organization.

When should I study abroad?

You should plan to study abroad in your sophomore or junior year. While studying abroad in the junior year spring, you will take two education courses online and complete your field study in a school in your study-abroad country as well.

Am I able to cross-endorse and become certifiable for grades 1-12?

Yes. Some elementary students choose to become certified in secondary education (a secondary candidate can cross endorse in another content area but not in elementary education). You must have a major in Spanish, English, Math, Biology or History, take an extra methods course, and pass the Praxis II secondary content test to do this (in addition to meeting all testing requirements at the elementary level).

Will I need a car?

Yes, you will need a car to drive to your field study during your junior and senior year, and to your internship during your graduate year.

What is the tuition for the MAT program? How do the internships defray the cost of my tuition? You may e-mail GradFinAid@quinnipiac.edu to request a PDF that breaks down the costs for this program. In your e-mail, please specify whether you are a 5-year Elementary or 5-year Secondary candidate. Please note: When you participate in an internship, a portion of your tuition is *waived* by Quinnipiac University. This is not considered a form of Financial Aid and is handled solely by the School of Education and the Bursar's Office.

*Students are not eligible for tuition waivers during the summer term because they do not intern over the summer.

Am I also eligible for Financial Aid as a graduate in the MAT?

Yes. Graduates are eligible for [Graduate Financial Aid](#) to cover remaining costs.

I am from out of state. Once I finish my program will I be eligible to teach in my home state? Yes.

Connecticut participates with more than 39 states that recognize CT certification and education programs.

More information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/cert/obtaining1109aw.pdf>

The School of Education has compiled a "Licensure Booklet for Out of State Certification" that will assist applicants in transferring their CT certification to the states of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Maine. This booklet is available to MAT students on the internal website.

How is my internship placement determined?

Graduate students work closely with the Internship Coordinator to pick a placement that is the right fit for their needs, both as students and educators. You will have a great deal of input in this process.

Will I be the only intern at my school?

Not necessarily. You may be placed at a school with other Quinnipiac interns or interns from other area institutions.

How will the School of Education help me find a job?

1. Through your internship(s) and field study, you will have the opportunity to network with the teachers and administrators in your school community.

2. Each spring, the School of Education also holds a number of graduate seminars that will prepare you for applying for a teaching position in the K-12 schools. During these seminars, Quinnipiac invites over 50 local superintendents and principals to speak with graduates about what they are looking for in a teacher candidate. Seminar topics include:

- Resumes and Marketing Strategies
- Preparing for the Interview
- Team Interview Workshop
- Applitrack Application System
- Mock Interviews
- Certification Information/Applications

3. Finally, the SOE walks students through the certification process by compiling necessary paperwork and communicating directly with a representative in the Connecticut State Department of Education. When local schools notify the SOE of job openings and specifically request a QU graduate, the SOE sends out these notifications to graduates.