

# Graduate Studies Programs

## *Masters of Arts in Teaching — Middle/High*

### About the Program

The Simmons College MAT Program is committed to providing students who plan to teach at the middle/high school levels with the expertise, knowledge, and confidence they need to become effective and skillful classroom teachers. Students pursuing licensure at the secondary level take method courses in teaching English, modern world languages, history and political science, sciences, and mathematics. In addition, students study the cultural and historical foundation of the American school and developmental psychology as it applies to learning and teaching strategies. Simmons has been successful in meeting a wide range of educational goals by providing each student with the advising necessary to develop a successful, individualized program of study. This personalized support is further enhanced by the small classes and the close mentoring relationships that students develop with faculty in the program. Competitive merit scholarships are available for the most qualified applicants. Applicants are automatically considered for scholarships; there is no separate application.

### Sequence of Courses

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program offers two options that lead to eligibility for the Initial Licensure. The Internship Program is a 40-credit degree program and requires a full-year internship, beginning in September and continuing to the end of the public school year in June. Students who select this option should plan to begin their studies in the summer semester. The Practicum Program is a 36-credit degree program that leads to the MAT and requires a 14-week, full-time practicum.

### The Simmons Difference

For more than 100 years, Simmons has put the needs of our students first. Through an education that combines intellectual leadership with professional preparation, we help students lead meaningful lives and build successful careers for the 21st Century. The College's commitment can be seen in our state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, learning, living, and working at Simmons, as well as through our exceptional faculty and staff. Simmons College is located in the heart of Boston, a world-class city renowned for unlimited educational, career, and social opportunities. All programs provide a challenging educational experience in which every student develops an informed, critical, and committed voice, and learns to be a leader and collaborative member of the professional community. Simmons College was named a "Best College" in its category in the 2010 US News & World Report. Simmons was also included in the 2010 Princeton Review "Best 351 Colleges," and was named among the "Best in New England" in the first-ever edition of Princeton Review's Best Northeastern Colleges.

*"Simmons's education program has an excellent reputation and it is flexible enough to complement my schedule as a mother. Graduates of the program get jobs and the department provides tremendous support. I've been very impressed with the high caliber of teaching, the curriculum, and with my fellow classmates. The program has exceeded my expectations."*

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## Coursework

### **GEDUC 460 Teaching Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom**

Examines a variety of teaching strategies applicable to students in heterogeneous classrooms: techniques to individualize instruction and promote mastery learning, development of cooperative learning strategies, and consideration of specific classroom and behavior management procedures. Requires fieldwork.

### **GEDUC 445 Educational Psychology**

Examines the implications of psychology for teaching children and adolescents, emphasizing cognitive, social, and emotional development. Also covers learning styles, motivation, assessment, and evaluation. Requires individual presentations and papers that emphasize integration of students' educational experiences, theory, and practice.

### **GEDUC 420 Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum in the Secondary School**

Focuses on understanding the issues in reading comprehension and on learning a wide range of strategies for understanding text in the content areas. Emphasizes readings used in social studies, science, and English. Examines instructional practices that demonstrate the value of writing as a tool for learning. Attends to assessment techniques that contribute to planning effective instruction and monitoring progress.

### **GEDUC 455 Issues in Teaching and Learning for Middle and High School Teachers**

Considers professional issues for middle and high school teachers and students, including current school reform efforts; the multicultural debate; and other issues of race, gender, and sexual orientation. Examines the effect of school culture and the influence of television. Requires fieldwork if not taken concurrently with subject area methods course.

### **GEDUC Elective**

#### **GEDUC Methods of Teaching (in subject area)**

### **GEDUC 402 Seminar in Teaching and Learning at the Middle and High School Levels**

Analyzes the structure and organization of middle and high schools and considers models of effective classroom management. Discusses methods of individualizing pedagogy; planning and implementing curricula; assessing student performance; and making best use of parents, colleagues, community organizations, and administrators. Uses case studies and role-play exercises, many from internship experiences. Requires a practicum placement.

### **GEDUC 481 Practicum: Middle School (Grades 5-9)**

OR

### **GEDUC 482 Practicum: High School (Grades 9-12)**

Assigns supervised teaching responsibilities in an inclusive classroom at the fifth grade to ninth grade level or ninth grade to 12th grade level. Involves demonstrating effective classroom management procedures, implementing daily class lessons, developing long-range curriculum materials, and demonstrating effectiveness in serving students who are below the expected classroom instructional level.

### **Internship Program Only**

**GEDUC 400 Prepracticum Seminar**

**GEDUC 488 Prepracticum**

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