



## Towson University Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)

(General and Special Education tracks)

Starting Fall 2023 - 100% Online

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at Towson University is a graduate program, now offered fully online, culminating in the completion of a master's degree from a Maryland State Approved Program and leads to eligibility for initial teacher certification for the state of Maryland.

The Online Cohort option begins Fall 2023 and will offer a program of study designed to meet the student's needs. The goal of the cohort will be to fully complete the program within 2 to 3 years. During the first fall term students will take two online synchronous courses with a 5:00 p.m. start time.

The Professional Year requires a full-time commitment to online courses and an in-person internship. A part-time internship is required during the fall term; a full-time internship is completed in the final spring term. Students of this online cohort must complete their internship within the state of Maryland. Full-time school system employees may qualify for reduced tuition through the Towson Learning Network. Please contact Director Pamela Wruble at [pwruble@towson.edu](mailto:pwruble@towson.edu) and Academic Specialist Alyssa Zumpano at [azumpano@towson.edu](mailto:azumpano@towson.edu) to learn more about this option. Please indicate ONLINE MAT in your subject line.

### **Program Highlights**

#### ***Benefits of the Online Option***

- All university components will be offered in a synchronously online class format.
- Students earn a master's degree and eligibility for initial certification in the state of Maryland within two-three years.
- Students complete the program in a cohort, taking courses together throughout the year.
- Possible reduced tuition rate may be available to school system employees.

#### ***University Faculty***

- MAT faculty are experienced practitioners who model best practices and are actively involved in the field of education.
- MAT academic advisors offer support throughout the program.

#### ***Internship in Varied Settings***

- There are opportunities to establish theory to practice connections while interning in classrooms.
- During the Professional Year, students have internship placements in two public schools.
- Full-time school system employees may apply and be considered for an on-the-job internship. If approved, this would allow a conditional teacher to remain in their teaching position throughout their internship.
- Internship placements are facilitated by the MAT office.

