



## MAT@USC, Master of Arts in Teaching and Teaching Credential Program – Delivered Online

### Application Deadlines

Program Start Date	Early Acceptance Deadline	Application Deadline
January 2010	October 26, 2009	December 1, 2009

### Apply Online- [mat.usc.edu/apply](http://mat.usc.edu/apply)

- The online system allows you to complete the application in sections. Select “save” or “save and proceed” at the end of a particular section.
- Please answer “Yes” to an initial question asking if you want your contact information (including your name & address) to be viewed by our institution before you submit the application. This will allow us to keep you informed of important application updates.
- Complete all required fields in the online application.
- **Important:** The first steps in beginning your application are to complete the following three sections:
  - 1) Biographical information
  - 2) Contact information
  - 3) Application information sections.

If you do not fill these three sections out, we will be unable to track your application or give you assistance while you work through the application process.

### Application Instructions

- Employment Information: Upload your resume in this section.
- Testing Information: The GRE is not required for the MAT program. If you have taken the CBEST and CSET, or any other state’s basic skills and subject-area proficiency tests, please enter your scores in the Additional Tests section.

To earn a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree you do not have to take the state basic skills or subject proficiency tests. To earn a MAT and a Credential, you must take the corresponding state basic skills or subject proficiency test. For example, to apply for the MAT Credential Program in California, you must submit scores for the CBEST and CSET exams. Students must show evidence of passing scores on these exams in order to be admitted to the MAT with Credential program. Students who have not passed these required exams will be admitted to the MAT program and may transfer to the MAT with Credential program once test scores are submitted and verified. During enrollment in the MAT program students may take these exams any time prior to registration in guided practice (student teaching).

- **Supporting Documents:** DO NOT submit a general statement of purpose. Instead, find the "Supplemental Forms" section on the information bar on the left side of the page and click on the "Education" link to access the Rossier School of Education (RSOE) Supplemental Application. Respond to the essay questions listed in the section marked Supplemental Questions and Essays for MAT Applicants.
- **Start Date:** In the application information, please indicate your start date of interest. The options are September 2009 and January 2010.
- **RSOE Scholarships:** To be considered for these funds, you must complete the scholarship questions located at the end of the supplemental application.
- **Recommendations:** You must provide two letters of recommendation. In the online application system, enter all required contact information for each recommender and then select "yes" when asked if recommenders will be providing a letter online. The recommender will then receive an email and password from the online application system so that they log in. You are responsible for ensuring that your recommenders upload a letter of recommendation to the system. They will be provided with instructions on how to do so.

Please be sure to pass the following prompts along to your recommenders so they can speak to these questions in their letter of recommendation:

- 1) Describe a time when the candidate has demonstrated any of the following abilities: Handle ambiguity, solve a complex problem, succeed academically, overcome a hardship, maintain a positive attitude, take initiative, sustain their commitment to something, demonstrate originality and creativity, or display open-mindedness.
- 2) One of the challenges facing the teaching profession is the loss of new teachers within the first five years of accepting the job. This problem of turn-over is particularly acute for high-need schools. Do you think this candidate will succeed and persist as a teacher in a high-need school? Why or why not?

## **Materials to RSOE**

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- Sealed official academic transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended, including community college coursework. Target GPA: 3.0 or above. Please note, you must have a Bachelor's degree in order to apply.
- For those applying to the credential track, fax a copy of CBEST and CSET score reports (if interested in California credential) or other state's equivalent test - fax to 301-459-5792
- Copy of TOEFL score report, if international - fax to 301-459-5792

**Questions: Please call 888-628-1872**