

**Master of Art in Teaching (M.A.T.) in Art Education**  
**Request for SACSCOC Program Closure Approval**

The M.A.T.in Art Education is a 36-credit hour initial teacher preparation program within the Department of Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Teacher Education (EMSTEd) in the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD), and the program is offered in partnership with the Department of Art and Design in the College of Arts & Sciences (A&S). The program has experienced low enrollment for the past five academic years with no students being enrolled in the program during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years. Both the EMSTEd and Department of Art and Design faculty have actively tried to recruit students to the program without garnering any interest. Based upon the low enrollment and the lack of student interest in the program, the EMSTEd faculty have voted to close the program effective for the Summer 2023 term, and the EMSTEd faculty have discussed this proposal with the faculty in the Department of Art and Design.

The proposed closure of the M.A.T. in Art Education attained the following approvals:

- Departmental / Faculty Level Approval:
  - EMSTEd Curriculum Committee approved on October 5, 2022
- Academic-Unit Level Approval:
  - CEHD Curriculum Committee approved on October 24, 2022

**I. Enrollment and Degree Conferrals**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Enrollment<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Degree Conferrals</b>
2017-2018	2	0
2018-2019	6	2
2019-2020	5	3
2020-2021	2	2
2021-2022	0	0
2022-2023	0	0 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The fall term is UofL's official reporting semester for enrollment data.  
<sup>2</sup> Degrees awarded through Fall 2022.

**II. Students:**

No students are currently enrolled in the program, so no students are affected by the proposed closure.

### **III. Notification of Faculty & Staff**

The faculty are aware of the program closure, as they initially approved it on October 5, 2022. However, the Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Accreditation within CEHD will notify EMSTEd faculty once SACSCOC approves the teach-out plan. Furthermore, the Vice Provost/SACSCOC Liaison will notify all relevant parties (e.g., registrar, graduate school, advisers, academic deans, etc.) of the program closure after SACSCOC approval is granted, and the academic catalog will be updated to reflect the closure.

The proposed program closure has no impact on faculty course loads or Annual Work Plans (AWP). The EMSTEd courses required for the academic program will continue to be offered for other extant academic programs within CEHD requiring these courses. There are only two specific courses offered by the Department of Art and Design for the degree requirements [i.e., ART 508 (Art Education Methods and Research I) and ART 518 (Art Education Methods and Research II)] that will no longer be offered. These courses have had no enrollment for the last two academic years, and no faculty member is currently assigned to the offerings for the Spring 2023 semester due to the lack of enrollment in the courses. As a result, the program closure will not impact the AWP's of faculty in the Department of Art and Design either.

### **IV. Student Communication Plan**

No direct student communication is necessary because no students are enrolled in the program, and no students have applied for admission. The academic program will be removed from the 2023-2024 Graduate Academic Catalog.

### **V. Effective Date**

The last term students will be admitted to the M.A.T. in Art Education program is the Spring 2023 semester. (Note: no students applied for admission.) The program will be closed to subsequent enrollment effective for the Summer 2023 term (May 8, 2023).