

Master of Arts in Teaching

Have you always wanted to be a teacher? Study in our MAT program, and you can be credentialed to teach at the post-secondary level in just over two years.

Here are a few reasons you should consider pursuing your dream of becoming a teacher.

1.

TO CHANGE THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

Michelle Obama once wrote “we all remember the impact a special teacher had on us—a teacher who refused to let us fall through the cracks; who pushed us and believed in us when we doubted ourselves; who sparked in us a lifelong curiosity and passion for learning.” Author Henry B. Adams once said, **“A teacher affects eternity: he can never tell where his influence stops.”**

6.

TO HAVE FUN AND STAY YOUNG.

Teachers consistently report experiencing enjoyment and happiness in their day-to-day routine.

Being surrounded by young people is a great way to keep your outlook youthful and to retain a sense of playfulness and possibility.

7.

TO HAVE A FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORK SCHEDULE.

Teachers daily schedule and school holidays allow quality time with their family. Summer vacation allows teachers to pursue advanced education and gives them a chance to rest, recuperate, and plan for the next year.

8.

TO HAVE JOB SECURITY.

A career in teaching is projected to have many job opportunities in the coming years. Between 2014 and 2024, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects nearly 1.9 million job openings for teachers of preschool through postsecondary school. **There will always be teaching jobs... everywhere!**

3.

TO DISCOVER YOUR TRUE CALLING. A job pays the bills, but when you have found your true calling, you are in a career that brings out your best and allows you to do what you love every day. For many, that calling is teaching our country's next generation of young people - our future. **There is truly no more important work!**

4.

TO BE A LIFELONG LEARNER. Not only will you be an expert in your subject area, your teaching career will expose you to best practices in education. You'll also be surprised by how much your students have to teach you.

5.

TO HAVE CONSTANTLY CHANGING DYNAMICS. **For teachers, no two days are alike.** For those who are easily bored, teaching opens a whole world of interesting challenges to conquer. Every child is different and learns in different ways.

If any of these reasons struck a chord with you, the teacher life may be calling! Our MAT staff will be sending you an email with a link to this list and additional information about Simpson's Masters of Teaching program. In addition, if you have any questions or would like more information you can always reach us at 515-961-1313 or sue.edwards@simpson.edu, or by visiting simpson.edu/mat.

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