The Master of Arts Teaching Program in secondary education with initial teacher certification is designed for practicing professionals who wish to become certified teachers in their chosen field of study.

The MAT Track I program provides students initial certification in one of the following areas:

- Art K-12
- Biology 7-12
- Chemistry 7-12
- Communications 7-12
- Earth Science 7-12
- English 7-12
- Mathematics 7-12
- Physics 7-12
- Social Studies 7-12
- Spanish K-12

This online program with a 2-day summer on-campus residency component is designed for individuals with a background in each area or those individuals wishing to make a career change into secondary teaching. However, anyone can be admitted regardless of previous degree. This program is designed for practicing professionals who wish to become certified teachers in their chosen field of study, such as a chemist becoming a Chemistry teacher or a history major becoming a Social Studies teacher. However, many of the students enrolled in the program are becoming certified in areas not related to their undergraduate work. In this program, you may apply for your Pennsylvania teacher certification at the completion of student teaching. During the program, you may apply for a PA Intern Certificate if you have a school district willing to hire you full-time. Please contact the program coordinator for more information about the intern certificate.

Content and curriculum may vary, for example:
Biology certification requires different undergraduate courses than English. Each applicant will need to compare their transcripts with required undergraduate courses to determine what, if any, undergraduate (or graduate) content courses still need to be completed. This is done on an individual basis. Please view our website at www.calu.edu/academics and select graduate programs to review advisement sheets for each certification area.

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"Cal U’s Master of Arts Teaching in secondary education has built a solid reputation in the educational community as a quality program that produces tomorrow’s teachers."

DR. JOE ZISK
PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Delivery Mode
Online courses with two-day summer residency campus component

Accreditation
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

>MASTER OF ARTS TEACHING – 45 GRADUATE CREDITS

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*Chapter 49-2 requirements mandated by the PA Department of Education. Courses are allowed to be satisfied with previously taken undergraduate courses subject with approval of the Program Coordinator.

Each applicant will receive a free evaluation of their transcripts upon request to determine what, if any, content courses still need to be completed. This is done on an individual basis. Please send in a complete set of transcripts for one free content requirement evaluation and specify certification area of interest. Contact the School of Graduate Studies and Research or Dr. Zisk for more information. (please see contact information on back)

Regardless of the degree program that you choose to pursue—either on-campus or through Cal U’s Global Online, the University’s mission of “Building Character, Building Careers” is a driving force in the curriculum. We look forward to receiving your application!

For complete course descriptions of all master’s degree and professional certificate curriculums offered in a variety of academic disciplines at Cal U, visit www.calu.edu.
ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

• A minimum overall GPA of 2.80 or 3.00 in last 48 college credits taken in a baccalaureate degree verified with official transcripts.
• Three references (name, address, phone and email)
• Current resume
• Graduate School Application + $25 non-refundable application fee

Students must apply for candidacy between six (6) and twelve (12) credit hours of graduate work at California University of PA. Please see graduate catalog, www.calu.edu or contact the graduate school for more information.

* Most students will need to take one or more prerequisite undergraduate courses in their desired certification area.

APPLICATION

Applications are available online at our website, www.calu.edu. Official baccalaureate degree transcripts should be mailed to:

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