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## **Degree Purpose**

The Master of Arts in Teaching – Secondary Education program (MAT – SECD) provides candidates who hold a bachelor's degree in an area other than education the opportunity to earn a master's degree and an Illinois Professional Educator License endorsed in one of the following 6-12 areas: **Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics), Career and Technology Ed. (Business Ed., Industrial Tech. or Family Consumer Science), English, Social Science (Geography or History), or Mathematics.**

## **Program Format**

The MAT-SECD program is a classroom-based program comprised of three course areas. First, each student will be expected to have had or to take selected general education courses, such as child psychology. Second, each student will be required to have had or to take the courses needed to cover the major of the selected endorsement area. Many students will have already taken a significant portion of the courses in their bachelor's degree; therefore the number of courses required in this section will be unique for each student. Finally, students will be asked to complete the professional education sequence as outlined to the right.

## **MAT Program Eligibility Requirements**

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

A minimum GPA of 2.75 in the last 60 semester hours of course work.

A minimum grade of C and a GPA of 3.0 in 18 credit hours of course work at the 200 level or beyond in the major area.

Program Application Packet

Graduate School Admission Packet

Illinois Certification Test of Basic Skills test or Test of Academic Proficiency passed within the past 9 years (ACT Plus Writing or SAT may be substituted. Contact licensure counselor for more information)

## **PACTS Conceptual Framework**