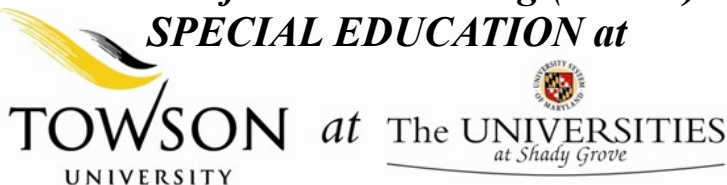


# Steps to a Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) Degree in SPECIAL EDUCATION at



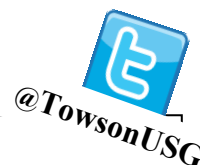
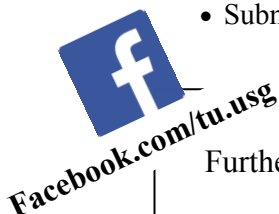
**The M.A.T. in Special Education begins cohorts in the fall of EVEN-numbered years (ex. 2016, 2018, 2020)**

- \_\_\_ 1. **Submit transcripts for a transcript analysis.** Transcripts are evaluated to determine any content area prerequisites required in addition to the M.A.T. course work. To submit your transcripts, please follow the instructions at <http://tinyurl.com/TUMATtranscriptsUSG>.
- \_\_\_ 2. **Begin completing your prerequisite course requirements.** Students **cannot** enter the program with more than 18 prerequisite credits to complete while in the program. **ALL** prerequisite requirements must be completed prior to entering the final semester. **STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE ALL PREREQUISITES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** (Completion of prerequisite requirements prior to admission does **NOT** guarantee admission.)
- \_\_\_ 3. **Obtain employment with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).** The M.A.T. in Special Education program is **ONLY** open to current MCPS employees.  
*If you are not an MCPS employee, please contact the Program Coordinator.*
- \_\_\_ 4. **Complete a participation agreement.** The participation agreement **MUST** be completed prior to applying. Agreements will be available at USG Open Houses or students may contact Dr. Kandace Wernsing ([kwernsing@towson.edu](mailto:kwernsing@towson.edu)) or Marcie Povitsky ([shadygrove@towson.edu](mailto:shadygrove@towson.edu)). (In your request, please include your position at MCPS.)
- \_\_\_ 5. **Apply to Towson University.** We will begin accepting applications **one year** prior to the cohort start date at the USG Fall Open House (usually in October). ***If applying at an Open House, please bring official transcripts, from all universities attended, and digital copies of the documents listed in steps 4C and 4D below***
  - \_\_\_ A. **Submit official transcripts.\*** If not completed in step 1, students must submit official transcripts from **all** colleges attended. Transcripts should be hand delivered to the Towson University Site Coordinator at USG (e.g. at an Open House) or sent electronically to Towson University.  
*\*Students should take note of how and where they submit their transcripts.*
  - \_\_\_ B. **Submit two letters of recommendation.** You **MUST** complete this process **online** via <http://grad.towson.edu/admission/recoma.asp>.
  - \_\_\_ C. **Submit a résumé.** (Please include in section 6 of the online application)
  - \_\_\_ D. **Submit a written statement.** 1-2 pages discussing your reasons for entering the teaching profession (include in section 6 of the online application)
- \_\_\_ 6. **Earn qualifying score on one approved general skills test.** Tests include SAT, ACT, GRE, Praxis I and Praxis Core. Test score reports **MUST** be sent from the test provider to Towson University, utilizing the following codes:

Praxis I/Praxis Core: RA5404

SAT: 5404 | ACT: 1718 | GRE: 5404

- \_\_\_ 7. **Get admitted to Towson University and USG program.** To qualify for admission to the USG program, students must:
  - Complete a participation agreement
  - Be an employee of Montgomery County Public Schools
  - Have a GPA of 3.0 (*A GPA between 2.75 and 2.99 may qualify an applicant for conditional admission.*)
  - Have no more than 18 credits of prerequisites to complete while in the program
  - Submit a **complete** application with **ALL** additional materials (See step 4 above)



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Further information can be obtained by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/TUmat-sped-usg> or contacting Peggy Dumler, Program Coordinator, at 301-738-6326 or [mdumler@towson.edu](mailto:mdumler@towson.edu) or Marcie Povitsky, Site Coordinator, at 301-738-6062 or [shadygrove@towson.edu](mailto:shadygrove@towson.edu)