MAT B-2 and 1-6 Frequently Asked Questions

What are the course prerequisites for acceptance into the MAT B-2 OR 1-6 Program?

· You will need a GPA of 3.0 or higher in your undergraduate studies.
· Applicants are required to have completed an undergraduate major or concentration of no fewer than 30 credits in one of the disciplines in liberal arts and sciences. Majors in vocationally oriented areas, such as business administration (including but not limited to advertising, management, accounting, hospitality, and fashion merchandising), broadcasting, fashion design, and nursing do NOT meet these requirements. Concentrations in fields designed primarily as vocational training (e.g., business) or a combination of a variety of topics in liberal arts and sciences without a clear focus, therefore, will NOT be accepted. Some business majors, for example, may find it feasible to complete 30 credits in economics by taking additional undergraduate courses at a local community college, and broadcasting majors may choose to complete 30 credits in journalism. While a possibility, interdisciplinary concentrations involve specific State requirements; please consult with an advisor.

For more details on additional liberal arts requirements, see “MAT Application Worksheets.”

What documents do I need to apply?

· The two supplementary “MAT Application Worksheets.”
· 2 to 3 letters of recommendation. If at all possible, we recommend that one of these letters be from an academic source.
· A 500 to 750-word essay that expresses your reasons for applying to your program of choice.
· Your official transcripts from all institutions where you did your undergraduate (and, if applicable, your graduate-level) studies. If you have Regents exams for exemptions (such as in foreign language), please include your high school transcripts that give evidence of these exams.

Is there anything else I need to apply?

· You will need to take the GRE Revised General Test.

How do I apply?

· All applications are submitted online ONLY.
· To apply, go to the admissions page on the Queens College website. Click on “Graduate Admissions.” We encourage you to read all the information that the graduate admissions site has posted. Then, click on “Applications.” Scroll down to bottom of page. Open the "MAT Application." Open this document. This document shows you the prerequisites you need to qualify for either the B-2 or 1-6 our programs. (See also “MAT Application Worksheets.” These are the same documents.) You will need to fill out
the two worksheets in this document and include them with your application. The application is done online. Click on "Ready to Apply" and follow the steps for applying.

· You can also come in to speak with an advisor. See the EECE website for current advisement hours and contact information.

What if I have deficits in the prerequisites on the supplementary worksheets?

· In some cases, strong applicants with up to 3 missing course prerequisites may be conditionally admitted into the program, pending the completion of missing prerequisites within 12 months.

· If you have more than 3 missing course prerequisites, we advise you to complete the prerequisites, then reapply to our program.

What if I have studied one of the vocational-training fields (e.g., business, nursing, broadcasting) and cannot put together an interdisciplinary or alternative field of concentration of 30 credits or more?

· Identify on the supplementary worksheet as many courses as possible that fit an alternative or interdisciplinary liberal arts field. You will then be able to determine how many more courses you will need to take in order to fulfill 30 or more credits. Take those courses, then re-apply to our program.

What if my overall undergraduate GPA is lower than 3.0?

· We do accept some candidates who have GPAs of 2.8 to 3.0 IF they show promising applications in other categories, such as: extensive and ongoing experience working with children; strong letters of recommendation from school-setting personnel or from academic sources; strong essays that express their commitment and desire to becoming an elementary school teacher; one or two semesters of low performance, but otherwise strong undergraduate records. In these cases, we generally accept students on probation, pending strong results (3.33 GPAs or higher), in the first 12-credits of our program.

· If your GPA is below 2.8, we generally advise you to re-take some courses to raise your overall GPA, then re-apply.

When will I be informed of the decision?

· If your application is complete, we will be able to review your application within three weeks of your submission, and you will be informed of the decision within five weeks of your submission.

· Please note that it is your responsibility to make sure that all parts of your application are entered. Please check with the Graduate Admissions office at 718-997-5200. Again, we can only review complete applications.

How will I be informed of the decision?

· You will be contacted online, and also receive a letter in the mail from the Graduate Admissions office of the decision, including any probationary conditions to your acceptance.
How many credits is the program?
· 36 credits.

Is there a required sequence of courses for B-2 or 1-6?
· Yes. Please refer to “MAT B-2 Course Sequence” or “MAT 1-6 Course Sequence.”

What exams and seminars do I have to pass for certification?
· Please refer to “MAT B-2 Course Sequence” or and “EECE MAT 1-6 Checklist” for details. In addition, please consult “Recommended Sequence of Certification Seminars and Exams” for details about when in the program to take the exams and seminars.

How do I earn dual-certification or a second certification in Special Education, Literacy, or a Bilingual Extension?
· To obtain certification in any of these areas, you must complete the initial program in B-2 or 1-6 first, and then complete the requirements for the desired certification or extension area. Please contact one of the faculty advisors below for more information.
  **Special Education:** Dr. Denise Ferrara, denise.ferrara@qc.cuny.edu, 718-997-5250 or Dr. Juan Valdez, juan.valdez@qc.cuny.edu, 718-997-5302
  **Bilingual Education Extension:** Dr. Patricia Velasco, patricia.velasco@qc.cuny.edu, 718-997-5302
  **Literacy:** Dr. Marcia Baghban, Marcia.Baghban@qc.cuny.edu, 718-997-5302

I already have my initial certification in elementary or early childhood education as an undergraduate. What Master’s degree program should I apply to?
· There are a range of programs available to you to support your Professional Certificate in New York State. Please see the EECE website for a listing of current programs and contact information.

Can I meet with an advisor about the program?
· Absolutely. Please see “Advisement Hours,” on the EECE website for details of advisors, their contact information, and their office hours.

What if I am currently enrolled? Do I follow the old MAT program or the new MAT program?
· If you are a MAT student who entered your program prior to Fall 2016, you should check with your advisor to determine which program you should follow to graduation.