The Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood Education – accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) – focuses on the education of children in pre-kindergarten through third grade, a critical needs area in the state of South Carolina. This program is also recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and is designed for individuals who want to teach young children and have undergraduate degrees in non-education disciplines.

This program features low student-faculty ratios and most classes are taught in the evening to best accommodate working professionals. As you gain knowledge of the academic, social and emotional development of young children, you will investigate classroom management, child development, curricular design and assessment.

The M.A.T. program is divided into four focus areas:

- Development of the learner
- Pedagogy and content knowledge
- Creating an effective climate for learning
- Culminating professional experiences

Coursework relates closely to classroom best practices and integrates research-based instructional techniques with intensive, field-based experiences. In addition to a master’s degree, successful completion of the M.A.T. program requirements leads to recommendation for teaching certification/licensure in pre-kindergarten through Grade 3 in South Carolina. Additionally, the State of South Carolina has reciprocal licensure agreements with many state departments of education across the U.S.

The Graduate School of the College of Charleston offers several scholarships and graduate assistantships to full-time students. You may also consider The South Carolina Teacher Loan Program – a loan eligible for cancellation if you teach a subject designated as a critical needs area.

**Admission requirements**

Be sure to download a list of requirements from http://gradschool.cofc.edu to ensure that you submit all the correct materials.