Testimonials from Our Graduates

“I have gained valuable knowledge and insight through the Coe MAT program. Inquiry thinking was one area in which I really gained information. I have used that information to build better units in my teaching. I also expanded my knowledge in curriculum development design and critical thinking skills through my coursework, all of which are applicable to everyday pedagogy. In addition, I established some fabulous contacts during my time at Coe.”

Jamie Sebring
Class of 2006
Wellness & Consumer Science Teacher
Taft Middle School,
Cedar Rapids Community School District

“The Coe MAT program was an excellent way to earn my master’s degree. Being a family man, my schedule was very busy running my children around, but with the MAT program I could work classes into my schedule. The professors were flexible and easy to work with when it came to my studies. Yet, having gone through the program, I can say that I earned a first-class degree from a first-class school. The education I received from Coe has helped me in the classroom in many different areas. I’m pleased that I went to Coe for my master’s degree.”

Roger Drewelow
Class of 2006
Language Arts/Social Studies
Wilson Middle School,
Cedar Rapids Community School District
Are you seeking superior preparation for career advancement?
Then check into the Master of Arts in Teaching Program at Coe College.

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at Coe is designed to help teachers explore innovative strategies for learning and to expand their expertise in the subject areas they teach. In addition, the program positions graduates for career advancement, including school administration. This program is a new kind of graduate study, a unique collaboration between area school districts and a nationally recognized liberal arts college.

The MAT program at Coe was developed jointly by teachers, administrators and teacher educators who shared their ideas and produced a program that draws on the visions and expertise of each group.

Courses are taught at times convenient for teachers—summer, evenings and late afternoons. To complete the master’s degree, a common pattern is for teachers to take courses part time for three summers and two school years.

A Curriculum on the Cutting Edge

The Coe MAT program is based on the idea that educational reform depends on students and teachers changing together. It is built around seven guiding principles that are consistent with the most recent research and theories in education:

- **Active Learning:** To help students adapt to our rapidly changing world, schools must encourage students to become active rather than passive learners — to develop into critical thinkers instead of complacent listeners.

- **Participatory Democracy:** In an increasingly diverse society, America’s schools must become laboratories for the development of democratic experience and understanding.

- **Curriculum Integration:** Knowledge of the world does not exist in narrow compartments. Teaching must illuminate the interrelationships among traditional subject areas.

- **Collaboration:** Significant activities in the world of work are accomplished by teams. Teachers and students must become partners who have the knowledge and desire to build on each others’ strengths.

- **Inquiry:** Students must do more than acquire knowledge. They must learn to examine ideas and explore solutions.

- **Reflection:** The ability to reflect on practice, continually refining and improving responses to unique situations, is essential to professional development and personal growth.

- **Academic Integrity:** Innovative thinking and teaching must never come at the expense of academic excellence. Commitment to education of the highest quality remains central to Coe’s mission.

Coe’s MAT program offers workshop and seminar classes every spring, summer and fall. These are excellent for renewal credit or electives within the program. Find an individual course for your professional development here: [http://www.coe.edu/academics/mat/mat_seminars](http://www.coe.edu/academics/mat/mat_seminars)

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