

## **Accelerated Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT): Biology Pathway at Winthrop University**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In order to be admitted to the Accelerated Master of Arts in Teaching in Biology (one year graduate program) at Winthrop, you must complete the BS in Biology while taking some specific science courses to have the required content for the teacher certification program. You must also complete the **Educational Studies minor**.

The one year graduate program consists of course work in consecutive Summer, Fall and Spring semesters. In Fall you will be in a field placement two full days a week (Internship I) and in a full-time field placement in Spring. After completing this program, you will have satisfied all requirements to be a certified SC Biology teacher (grades 9-12).

### **COURSEWORK**

Aside from the required Biology core courses, students must also take:

BIOL 307, 308, 315, 513\*

An ecology-based course (314, 403, 405, 407, 507, 551, 552A or B)

An Area C course (303, 304, 305, 306, 309, 310, 505, 508, 510, 511, 518)

MATH 141 and/or 150

PHYS 201 and 202

GEOL 110/113 or 210/211

\*must be taken at graduate level so will also count towards the MAT; designated paperwork must be completed

### **ENTRANCE EXAM FOR ACCELERATED MAT**

Praxis Subject Assessment in Biology: Content Knowledge (5235) with a passing score of 148 or higher.

**MAT applications for the accelerated program are due on February 15.** You must enter the Accelerated program no later than 1 year after you graduate with your BS in Biology or you will need to apply to the traditional 2-year MAT program, which requires the GRE as an entrance exam. For example, if you graduate May 2020, the latest you could start the Accelerated MAT program would be Summer 2021.