

Master of Arts in Teaching Leadership (MATL)

"Teaching Minds... Touching Hearts"

Our learning communities bring together committed professional educators who desire to improve their techniques, deepen their understanding and illuminate their values and beliefs about education. If you desire to learn with others, form respectful learning relationships and transform the classroom experiences of your students, then the Master of Arts in Teaching Leadership is for you.

As a member of a Saint Mary's College learning community, you will connect and collaborate to:

- Learn from other teachers who are committed to life-long learning
- Develop a network of professional educators
- Seek research-based practices directly related to your classroom and student learning
- Engage in learning that is practical and purposeful
- Apply best practices and theory in your classroom
- Become a change agent in your school and district



LEADERSHIP

Course of Study

Level One – Beginning Teacher Support & Assessment (BTSA) Saturday Seminars	Units
Year 1:	
Exploring Teaching and Learning Leadership	3
Connecting Teaching and Learning Practices	3
Year 2:	
Developing Teaching and Learning Practices	3
Investigating Reflective Learning	3

Level Two – Advanced Coursework	Units
Summer Intensives:	
Building a Community of Learners Through Critical Reflection	3
Implementing Effective Teaching Techniques	3
Year Three (Fall semester):	
Articulating an Area of Inquiry: Bridging Theory and Practice	3
Developing Areas of Inquiry: Research and Practice	3
Research Strand (Spring Semester):	
Demonstrating Professional Growth Experiences: Reflections and Projections *	3
Documenting Professional Growth: Completing Action Research *	3
* These are Independent Study courses with a Research Advisor	

Admissions

Application materials for the MATL Program should be received by March 1 for admittance to the cohort beginning in Summer semester of the same year. For more information, visit our website at: www.stmarys-ca.edu/soe or contact the Program Assistant at: 925.631.4936.

The following documents are required:

- Application forms and fee (You may apply online at: www.applyweb.com/apply/smcocsoe/)
- Statement of professional goals
- One official transcript from each college or university where you received either a degree or a credential
- Photocopies of all credentials you hold
- Three current letters of recommendation (one from your current site administrator)
- A current Tuberculin test (administered within the last four years)
- An interview with the program coordinator (or designee)
- Proof of Health/Accident Insurance or a signed waiver form

Questions & Answers Regarding the MATL Program:

Who are Teacher Leaders?

Teacher Leaders are change agents in their classroom and their school. They transform the classroom experience of their students.

How do the coursework and class schedule accommodate working teachers like me?

Learning communities meet on weekends and in the summer at times convenient for the working professional.

Are these courses priced for a teacher's budget? Is there financial aid?

Courses in the MATL Program are offered at a specially reduced rate of tuition that is less than 50% of the traditional graduate level tuition cost. The program is eligible for financial aid.

Will classes be held in a convenient location?

Learning communities are located throughout the Bay Area, close to your home or work.

Is a thesis required to complete this degree?

You will develop a portfolio of practice and an action research project. Your classroom will be your "lab." You will engage in active learning and research based on your own interests and needs.

Will getting this degree help my career advancement?

A Master's Degree in Teaching Leadership will open many doors of opportunity for you. The schools of California are desperately seeking teachers who can make a difference. Celebrate your accomplishments in innovative work thanks to this degree of distinction!

"Developing close relationships with like professionals and working through the same struggles and solutions was very meaningful to me as I developed my skills as a teacher leader" – MATL Program Graduate



Dr. Kathy Perez, Director of Teaching Leadership

Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's College of California

INCLUSIVE, GLOBAL, TRANSFORMATIVE

Here at the Kalmanovitz School of Education at Saint Mary's, we are guided by the Lasallian tradition: "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Our faculty is committed to the core principles of social justice, quality education and inclusive community, emphasizing the skills of critical thinking, precise communication and creative problem-solving. We offer challenging opportunities for students to experience professional practice.

Our students are:

- Challenged by a curriculum that integrates research-based practices with opportunities for experience in professional settings.
- Guided by an interdisciplinary faculty that excels in teaching, scholarship and service.
- Supported by a staff attuned to the unique needs of active professionals.
- Networked with a cohort of peers who bring diverse perspectives to the exploration of real-world problems.
- Transformed by learning experiences that emphasize inquiry, reflection, ethical values and social justice.

The Kalmanovitz School of Education is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and offers well-respected credential programs approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the American Montessori Society. The Master of Arts Degree in Counseling with an emphasis in School Counseling (K-12) or School Psychology (3 yrs-12th grade) fulfills the requirements for the California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential. The College is a member of the California Council on the Education of Teachers and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

The Financial Aid process begins by filing a free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov (Saint Mary's College Title IV code is: #001302). Prospective students should also complete a Saint Mary's Financial Aid application, available on Saint Mary's website. To ensure maximum consideration for all programs, students are asked to contact the Financial Aid Office at: 925.631.4370, or the Kalmanovitz School of Education at: 925.631.4149 with any questions.

Twice a year, in the fall and spring, eligible Kalmanovitz School of Education students have the opportunity to apply for scholarships distributed by the school. Students are encouraged to research and apply for other scholarships that may be available through outside organizations or entities.

A loan forgiveness program (APLE), providing financial assistance for future teachers, is offered by the State of California. Information on this program is available from the California Student Aid Commission at: www.csac.ca.gov.