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### **Master of Arts in Teaching Program Waiver for 2-year Post Baccalaureate Work Experience Requirement**

Background: The 2-year Post Baccalaureate work experience requirement was put in place to ensure the continued health of our traditional and non-traditional undergraduate teacher licensure programs; and, to ensure that candidates enroll in the most appropriate program to meet their educational and vocational goals.

Candidates with a Bachelor Degree who do not meet the 2-year work experience requirement can petition to waive this requirement. MAT program staff will consider each petition on a case-by-case basis. The following requirements must be met to receive this waiver, with the appropriate signatures, in order to begin the required residency portion of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAT Candidate Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAT Candidate Signature

There is no evidence that the above candidate is utilizing the MAT program to bypass a more appropriate undergraduate teacher licensure program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAT Program Coordinator Signature

The candidate has a Bachelor Degree from an accredited University and the MAT Program is the most appropriate given the candidate's current educational status and vocational goals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
WIU Teacher Licensure Officer Signature

A school/district in Illinois has offered the candidate a teaching position.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hiring District Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Illinois School/District Name

**Please return this waiver to the MAT Program Coordinator**

**School of Education**

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