

## **Dr. Kelly Anderson - Transcript**

Hello. Welcome to UNC-Charlotte, and it's a pleasure to meet you. We're glad you chose UNC-Charlotte for your graduate programs.

My name is Kelly Anderson and I'm Graduate Coordinator for the special education programs and I'd like to give you a brief overview of the programs we offer here.

Right now we offer a grad certificate program and that's for students who are solely seeking licensure. In the state of North Carolina you can get licensure in adapted curriculum and general curriculum in special education.

The graduate certificate does require an application to the graduate school and a 2.5 GPA at least from your undergraduate program.

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Two other programs that we offer that I have received several questions about on a weekly basis are our MAT Masters Degree and our Masters Degree in Special Education. It's confusing to understand the difference between the two so hopefully I can help.

The Master's in Arts in Teaching is for those folks who do not currently have a teaching license and typically for many of them teaching is a second career choice. The Master's in Arts in Teaching requires all of the regular requirements from the graduate school. That being an application, application fees, recommendations, and it requires that you take either the GRE or the Millers Analogy and you need to pass that within the thirtieth percentile.

The other option is the Masters in Special Education. The difference between the two is that in the Master's of Arts in Teaching you acquire both licensure in special education while also completing your master's degree.

The difference is the Masters in Special Education is for those folks who already hold teaching license in special education so for them they're not necessarily pursuing licensure; what they are pursuing is a master's degree. The requirements are the same for that program – it's an application to the graduate school which you can do online, it's recommendations, and taking the tests and passing them in the thirtieth percentile for the GRE or Millers Analogy.

We hope that you will decide to complete your master's program or your licensure with us at UNC-Charlotte. We think we have good programs, special education programs and we work very hard to prepare the highest quality teachers and leaders that we can.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. My telephone number is (704) 687-8832 or you can contact me via email at [keanders@uncc.edu](mailto:keanders@uncc.edu).

I'll look forward to meeting you.

