

Endorsement Programs

AUTISM | COACHING | ESOL | GIFTED | MATH | READING | SCIENCE | STEM

ADVANCED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

🖥️ Online

Mercer University's College of Education offers **endorsement programs** with the purpose of helping educators further develop their knowledge and skills in specific content areas, extending their impact in the classroom. Candidates must be certified educators who hold a valid Level 4 or higher Georgia certificate in an appropriate field. Choose from eight educator endorsement programs:

Autism

Cultivate knowledge and competencies to support students on the autism spectrum and foster a comprehensive learning environment.

Coaching

Acquire the skills to use performance assessment data to guide, mentor, and lead teachers and educators.

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Gain knowledge of applied English linguistics and learn tactics for approaching issues of diversity to improve classroom dynamics.

Gifted

Learn how to identify gifted students, design educational programs, and observe relevant policies in counseling and teaching such students.

Math (K-5)

Learn number sense, algebra, geometry, measurement, and data analysis in Elementary Education to inspire student success in mathematics.

Reading

Strengthen competencies for teaching reading and literacy, develop knowledge of reading theory, research best practices, and preventing and correcting literacy problems.

Science (K-5)

Learn conceptual integrated science as well as integrated science methods in Elementary Education to nurture student interest and engagement in science.

STEM

Develop knowledge of applied STEM processes to incorporate emerging science, technology, engineering, and math-centered content in the classroom.



Why Mercer's Endorsement Programs?

Mercer University has been teaching Georgia's teachers and educational leaders for over 100 years. Small classes, accomplished faculty, and hands-on field experiences in classroom settings make these programs distinctive. Earning a quality endorsement from Mercer allows teachers to sharpen their competencies and increase their expertise, enhancing the experience of their students. Mercer's endorsement programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Delivery Format

Endorsement programs are delivered online and can be completed within two semesters. Coursework includes a field-based component.

Beyond The Classroom

Mercer University is committed to serving the needs of schools and communities. We partner with peer institutions and school districts to provide support and opportunities for continuous professional development.

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PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Endorsements

Offered: Online

Autism

Content Studies9 hours

Total9 hours

Coaching

Content Studies6 hours

Total6 hours

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Endorsements may be completed in a non-degree status or as part of an appropriate graduate degree program. As part of the Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership program, students will complete the necessary requirements to earn an in-field Coaching Endorsement. For additional information, consult the University catalog.

A Top-Ranked Leader in Education

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is one of America’s most distinctive universities. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the nation—including a “Best Value”—and The Princeton Review consistently ranks us in the **Top 15%** of colleges and universities nationwide. The University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Mercer University prepares more educators and educational leaders than any other private institution in Georgia, and our graduates are highly sought after and asked for by name. Our students develop the knowledge and experience to teach, lead, and transform schools, districts, and communities, and our graduates are frequently recognized for their commitment to excellence. The College of Education is widely known for our highly individualized, student-centered approach to education. We collaborate with teachers, principals, human resource officials, and other community leaders to ensure that our teacher education and educational leadership programs remain relevant and align with our philosophy that students learn best when engaged in hands-on experiences.

A hallmark of the College of Education experience, our vision of “**The Transforming Educator**” is the foundation for all of Mercer’s teacher education and educational leadership programs. To become a “Transforming Educator,” an individual seeks to continually and thoughtfully change one’s self in order to serve as an advocate for all learners.

Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission must be certified educators who hold a valid Level 4 or higher educator certificate in an appropriate field. The Coaching Endorsement enrolls students once per year in October and the Gifted Endorsement enrolls students in January, August, and October. All other endorsement programs enroll students twice per year in May and August.

Required Application Materials Include:

- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from each college/university attended
- **Coaching Endorsement applicants:** recommendation from school leadership and one year of certified teaching experience
- **Math and Science Endorsement applicants:** principal recommendation form and one year of certified teaching experience

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

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