

Master of Education

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

📍 On Campus



Mercer University is an institution built on achieving meaningful outcomes to change lives and impact communities around the world. As a leader in innovative, enriching curricula, Mercer prepares students to lead the way as visionaries in education by offering educational leadership programs designed to help educators cultivate their leadership potential.

Mercer offers the **Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Higher Education Leadership** to develop transforming leaders who possess a strong understanding of higher education institutions, grounded in leadership theory. The program aims to provide students with a broad-based, scholarly foundation in higher education organization, structure, administration, and governance, while preparing them to assume leadership responsibilities in post-secondary education. This program is designed for:

- Current professional leaders in higher education institutions seeking to enhance job performance and assume greater leadership responsibility
- Individuals not currently employed in higher education who are seeking to begin a career in the field

Why Mercer's M.Ed.?

Mercer University has been teaching Georgia's teachers and educational leaders for over 100 years and is widely recognized for its highly individualized, student-centered approach to education. Blending theory with practice and critical thinking, the supportive faculty at Mercer are committed to the pursuit of excellence in every aspect of educator and educational leader preparation.

The M.Ed. program prepares candidates to assume entry-level or mid-level leadership responsibilities in a variety of units within higher education institutions, including admissions and enrollment management, student affairs, advising, diversity, alumni relations and development, finance, human resources, facilities, and athletics.

Delivery Format

The M.Ed. program is offered through evening, in-person classes on Mercer's Atlanta and Macon campuses. Courses are scheduled in eight-week terms.

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.

Leadership Academy

Each year, students come together on the Atlanta campus to network and learn from experts in educational leadership. The Leadership Academy includes breakout sessions, keynote speakers, and working groups. Students are exposed to diverse ideas, methods, and topics that complement and enhance the learning experience.

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M.Ed. in Higher Education Leadership

Offered: Atlanta | Macon

EDEL 601	Introduction to Higher Education
EDEL 602	Student Affairs
EDEL 604	Leadership Theory
EDEL 609	Internship
EDEL 610	Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment
EDEL 611	Legal Issues in Higher Education
EDEL 614	Leadership in Intercollegiate Athletics
EDEL 616	Finance in Higher Education
EDEL 618	Cultural Perspectives in Higher Education
EDEL 695	Educational Research

Total30 hours

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 hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.5. The program enrolls students three times per year in January, May, and August.

Required Application Materials Include:

- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from each college/university attended
- Two professional letters of recommendation from former and/or current supervisors and instructors only
- Written narrative of career and academic goals

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

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