

Master of Education

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION | MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION | SECONDARY EDUCATION

ADVANCED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

🖥️ Online | ★ Blended



Mercer University offers the **Master of Education (M.Ed.)** for currently certified educators seeking to enhance their teaching repertoire to provide better support for their students. Successful completion of the program leads to eligibility for an upgrade to Level 5 certification. Students may also pursue up to two endorsements as part of the M.Ed. curriculum. Choose from three majors:

Elementary Education Online

The Elementary Education major equips teachers in **grades Pre-K through 5** to support the needs and cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development of young learners during their formative years, and to adapt teaching strategies and the learning environment to meet the diverse needs of students.

Middle Grades Education Online | Blended (Online and Atlanta)

Designed to meet the needs of teachers in **grades 4 through 8**, the Middle Grades Education major prepares educators to understand how culture, students' approaches to learning, and exceptionalities impact middle school students and their families, while creating learning experiences that make content meaningful for students.

Secondary Education Online | Blended (Online and Atlanta)

The Secondary Education major is designed for teachers in **grades 6 through 12** and is intended to expand levels of knowledge, skills, and dispositions in secondary education teachers.

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 preparation.

Earning an M.Ed. from Mercer allows teachers to sharpen their skills in key performance areas and strengthen their understanding of students in their corresponding grade level, enhancing the classroom experience of their students. The M.Ed. curriculum is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Delivery Format

The M.Ed. program is delivered in eight-week and 16-week terms depending on the program, start date, and major. All majors can be completed fully online, and the Middle Grades Education and Secondary Education majors are also available in a blended combination of online and in-person classes. Students can complete online coursework using the University's learning management system. Students enrolled in online coursework will have the opportunity to schedule optional phone or face-to-face meetings with faculty at one of Mercer's locations.

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

Elementary Education (P-5)

Offered: Online

Professional Studies

Related Studies (including Endorsement options)

Total 30 hours

Middle Grades Education (4-8)

Offered: Online | Blended (Online and Atlanta combination)

Professional Studies

Content/Methods (including Endorsement options)

Total 30 hours

Secondary Education (6-12)

Offered: Online | Blended (Online and Atlanta combination)

Professional Studies

Content/Methods (including Endorsement options)

Total 30 hours

Students may pursue up to two endorsements as part of the M.Ed. curriculum. Credit by prior learning assessment and course transfer may be possible for up to six credit hours. 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 hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.5 and be certified teachers who hold a valid Level 4 or higher teaching certificate in the appropriate teaching field.* The programs enroll students two times 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

*Appropriate certification fields vary by program major:

- Elementary Education program applicants:
Elementary Education, Elementary Education/Special Education General Curriculum, or Birth-Kindergarten
- Middle Grades Education program applicants:
One or more Middle Grades (4-8) Content Concentration Fields
- Secondary Education program applicants:
One Secondary (6-12) Content Field

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

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