

INITIAL TEACHER
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Teaching Georgia's teachers and educational leaders for over 100 years.

A Rich History of Education

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.

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Our vision of
*"The Transforming
Educator"* is the
foundation for all of
Mercer's education
programs and
encourages students
to continually and
thoughtfully *change
one's self* in order to
serve as an advocate
for *all learners*.



About Us

Mercer University’s Tift 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 our teacher education and educational leadership programs prepare graduates to meet the demands of their roles. We provide further value by ensuring these programs align with our philosophy that students learn best when engaged in hands-on experiences. Our teacher certification programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Beyond the Classroom

We are committed to partnering with peer institutions and school districts to provide support and opportunities for continuous professional development.

The University collaborates with school systems and districts throughout Georgia, including Bibb, Clarke, Cobb, DeKalb, Dodge, Douglas, Griffin-Spalding, Gwinnett, Henry, Houston, and Monroe counties.

In addition to local partnerships, Mercer also makes a global impact by providing scholarships, workshops, and other resources to teachers and students in the Dominican Republic and Liberia.

Our M.Ed. degree programs provide **fantastic professional learning** opportunities that will **transform the careers** of dedicated and passionate educators.

DR. JEFFREY HALL
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND
ASSOCIATE DEAN

Mercer offers programs at three locations in Metro Atlanta, in Macon, and online.



Programs Available

Mercer University’s Tift College of Education offers a variety of academic programs to prepare graduates for successful careers in education. Depending on the program, coursework may be available online or through daytime, evening, or weekend in-person classes. Mercer offers programs on-site at locations in Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon. Some programs may also be offered through a blend of both online and on-campus class instruction.

- = online
- = evening on-campus
- = daytime Macon campus
- = blended (combination of online and on-campus instruction)

4 + 1 Bridge Program

Did you know? Mercer’s partnerships with other colleges and universities help to reduce the time it takes to qualify to become a teacher. Through an accelerated course of study, students may earn their undergraduate **and** graduate degrees in as little as five years. Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Teaching, students will be eligible for initial teacher certification.



Mercer’s professors truly love education and want to inspire others to **become the best teachers** they possibly can be. I feel more than **confident to have my own classroom** and have a successful year.

ALANA PITTS
MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING
IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ’19

INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION

- B.S.Ed. in Early Learning and Development
- B.S.Ed. in Elementary/Special Education (P-5)
- B.S.Ed. in Elementary/Special Education – The Holistic Child (P-5)
- B.S.Ed. in Middle Grades Education (4-8)
- B.S.Ed. in Secondary Education (6-12)
- M.A.T. in Elementary Education (P-5)
- M.A.T. in Middle Grades Education (4-8)
- M.A.T. in Secondary Education (6-12)
- M.A.T. in Secondary Education - 5th Year (6-12)**

*Degree-only, non-certification option
**Cohort-based program

NON-DEGREE INITIAL CERTIFICATION

- Elementary/Special Education (P-5)
 - Middle Grades Education (4-8)
 - Secondary Education (6-12)
- A bachelor’s degree is required to qualify for these programs.

ADVANCED TEACHER EDUCATION

- M.Ed. in Elementary Education
- M.Ed. in Middle Grades Education
- M.Ed. in Secondary Education
- Ed.S. in Elementary Education
- Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership
- Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction

ENDORSEMENTS

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| Autism | K-5 Math |
| Coaching | K-5 Science |
| English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) | Reading |
| Gifted | STEM |

Available to teachers currently seeking or holding a valid teaching certificate

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (P-12 Tier One)
- M.Ed. in Higher Education Leadership
- Ed.S. in Educational Leadership (P-12 Tier Two)
- Ph.D. in Educational Leadership
- Higher Education Leadership Track
- P-12 School Leadership Track

NON-DEGREE CERTIFICATION

- Educational Leadership (P-12 Tier One)
- Educational Leadership (P-12 Tier Two)

SCHOOL COUNSELING

- M.S. in School Counseling
- Offered through Mercer University’s College of Professional Advancement



When you're **investing in yourself**, you want the very best. Mercer tailors education to you, and ensures that **your needs will be met** and you'll receive the type of education that will prepare you even further.

VICTORIA GUILLORY '17
MASTER OF EDUCATION
IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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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 Mercer 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).

A hallmark of Mercer's College of Education experience, our vision of **"The Transforming Educator"** is the foundation for all of Mercer's teacher education and educational leadership programs.



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