

MASTER OF EDUCATION
(TIER ONE)

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION
(TIER TWO)

Discover. Lead. Transform.

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.

The 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 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.

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 each
candidate to continually
and thoughtfully
change one’s self
in order to serve as
an advocate for
all learners.



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
M.ED. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Master Of Education (M.Ed.) - Tier One

Mercer's Tier One, M.Ed. in Educational Leadership is designed to prepare candidates for leadership positions up to the assistant principal within the school, or a variety of district-level leadership positions that do not supervise principals.

The 30 credit-hour program includes relevant clinical practice, which provides opportunities for candidates to apply knowledge and skills learned in the program in a hands-on manner. Upon completion of the program and passing scores on the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) Educational Leadership content assessment, candidates will be eligible for Level 5 Educational Leadership certification. Any certified educator with three years of experience is eligible for this program.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Prepare to serve as a building-level or system-level educational leader in Georgia's schools
- Develop a great depth of knowledge of leadership theory
- Gain hands-on, in-school experience to put required knowledge into practice

Specialist In Education (Ed.S.) - Tier Two

Mercer's Tier Two, Ed.S. in Educational Leadership supports current educational leaders in the development of leadership theory and practical skills as they look to advance to the top levels of educational leadership. Diverse field experiences throughout the program help prepare leaders to support the needs of their educators, staff, students, and community. Mercer's faculty provide continual support to students, assisting in their development as transformational leaders.

The 33 credit-hour program can be completed in two years. Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to upgrade their leadership certificate to Level 6. Leaders with this certification are eligible for all leadership positions at the building and district levels.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Strengthen core knowledge of leadership theory
- Combine weekly learning objectives with on-the-job experiences to apply new classroom knowledge
- Prepare educators to manage and lead schools and school districts

Non-Degree Certification-Only Programs

Both the Tier One and Tier Two degree programs are also offered as non-degree, certification-only programs for eligible applicants. These students must meet the admission requirements as degree-seeking students and will take many of the same courses. The number of courses needed for the certification-only option depends upon a transcript review, which can be completed prior to the application process. Applicants must hold a master's degree or higher for Tier One certification only. For Tier Two certification, applicants must hold a specialist's degree or higher.

Program Delivery

Both the Tier One and Tier Two (full degree and certification-only) programs are delivered in the same format. The programs feature a 50/50 hybrid model, with each individual class lasting eight weeks and meeting once per week. In this model, half of the class meetings for each course occur in the evenings at Mercer, and half of the class meetings are devoted to clinical practice hours at the candidate's own school.

About Mercer

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.



Tift College of Education *Leadership Academy*

Every year for one Saturday in March, students come together on the Atlanta campus to network and learn from experts in educational leadership. Tift College of Education's Leadership Academy includes breakout sessions, designed to expose candidates to diverse ideas and methods, covering topics that complement and enhance the learning experience.



Programs accept students three times per year in August, January, and May
at Mercer's locations in Atlanta, Henry County, and Macon.

Tier One

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

EDEL 605	Leadership in Curriculum
EDEL 615	Leadership in Today's Schools
EDEL 625	Managing the School Environment
EDEL 635	Assessment and Evaluation
EDEL 637	Leadership Clinical Internship I
EDEL 638	Leadership Clinical Internship II
EDEL 655	School Law and Ethics
EDEL 665	Leadership in Instructional Supervision
EDEL 685	Technology for School Leaders
EDEL 695	Educational Research for School Leaders

Total **30 credit hours**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants seeking admission must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

- Application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee
- Two official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Narrative of career and academic goals
- Résumé
- Principal verification form
- Passing scores on GACE Ethics for Educational Leaders Assessment (Entry Portion)
- Copy of current teaching certificate

Tier Two

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

EDEL 675	Theoretical and Empirical Foundations of Leadership
EDEL 686	Strategies for Improving Low Performing Schools
EDEL 697	School, Community and Society
EDEL 703	The Principalship
EDEL 704	The Superintendency
EDEL 724	Performance-based Clinical Practice Internship I
EDEL 725	Performance-based Clinical Practice Internship II
EDEL 825	Cognition and Learning in Curriculum and Instruction
EDEL 831	Effective Human Resources Practices
EDEL 832	School Finance and Budgeting
EDEL 833	Facilitating Professional Learning and Development

Total **33 credit hours**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants seeking admission must hold a master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

- Application for admission
- \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Two official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Narrative of career and academic goals
- Résumé
- System recommendation/verification form
- Tier One Leadership Certification
- Copy of current teaching certificate

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For more information or to apply, contact the Office of Admissions



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