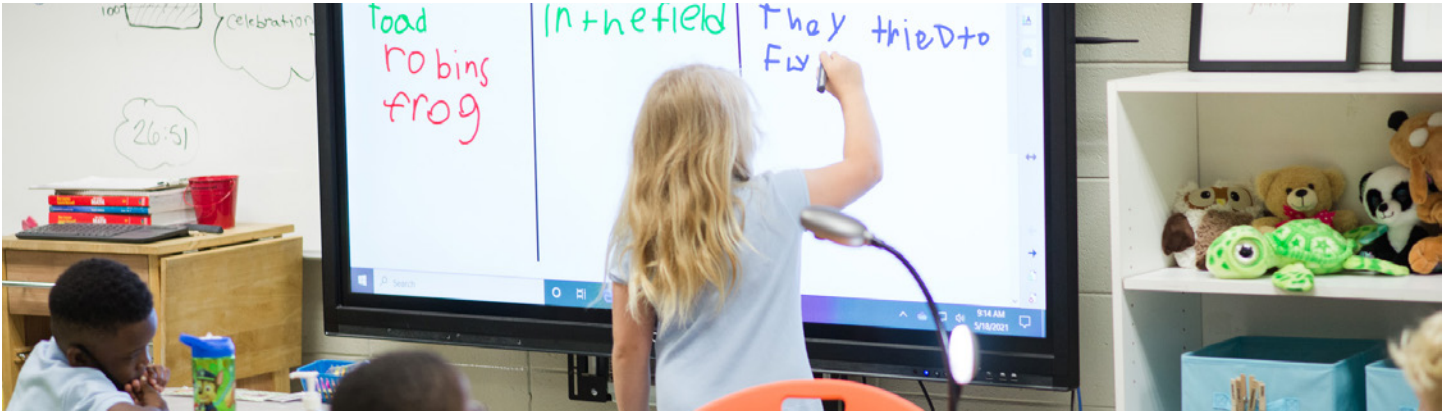


# Master of Arts in Teaching

## INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



Mercer University's College of Education offers the **Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)** for those who hold a bachelor's degree and are seeking initial teacher certification in Georgia at the master's level. Successful completion of the program and passing scores on the appropriate Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) Content Assessments, as approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC), lead to eligibility for Level 5 certification. Choose from four areas of study:

### **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION** Atlanta | Henry County | Macon

Designed for students seeking to teach young children in **grades P through 5**, this program offers course content and field experience to prepare teachers to support the diverse needs of young students.

### **MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION** Atlanta | Macon

This pedagogy-only program is designed to offer a comprehensive study of the specialized skills needed to teach and support students in **grades 4 through 8**. Teacher candidates will achieve a wide variety of learning outcomes, including understanding the characteristics and needs of preadolescent and adolescent students.

### **P-12 EDUCATION** Atlanta | Macon

This pedagogy-only program is designed to prepare individuals to support and guide students in **grades P through 12** toward success in art, computer science, dance, drama, ESOL, engineering and technology, foreign languages, health and PE, or music.

### **SECONDARY EDUCATION** Atlanta | Macon

This pedagogy-only program consists of course content and field experiences designed to equip individuals to teach students in **grades 6 through 12**. Candidates may choose from secondary education certification fields in biology, chemistry, earth/space science, English, geography, history, mathematics, physics, political science, trade and industrial education, and more.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Format:** Blended combination of 25% in-person, 25% asynchronous online, and 50% synchronous online classes

### **Start Term:**

**Atlanta:** January, March, May, August, and October

**Henry County:** May, August, and October

### **Macon:**

**Middle Grades, P-12, and Secondary** January, May, and August

**Elementary** May, August, and October

**Course Length:** 8 or 16 weeks

**Completion Time:** 18-24 months

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## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

### Elementary Education (P-5)

Foundational Classes  
Methods Classes  
Content Area Classes  
Field Experiences

**Degree Requirements: 37 hours\***

### Middle Grades Education (4-8)

Foundational Classes  
Content Concentrations and Methods Classes  
(choose one area from Language Arts, Mathematics,  
Science, and Social Science)  
Field Experiences

**Degree Requirements: 31 hours\***

### P-12 Education

Foundational Courses  
Content Area and Methods Classes  
Field Experiences

**Degree Requirements: 31 hours\***

### Secondary Education (6-12)

Foundational Classes  
Content Area and Methods Classes  
Content Area Studies  
Field Experiences

**Degree Requirements: 31 hours\***

*\*Students may be required to complete 9 additional hours of foundation coursework based on a transcript review.*

## Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission must hold a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education with a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- GACE Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment completion certificate

**Middle Grades and Secondary Education applicants must also meet one of two additional admission requirements:**

- Passing score on the GACE Content Assessment in the desired field of certification
- Successful completion of a specified number of semester hours of content area coursework earned in conjunction with a bachelor's degree or higher from a GaPSC-approved institution. Number of hours depends on transcript analysis.

*International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.*



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