

Specialist in Education in Teacher Leadership

ADVANCED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Mercer University offers the **Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) in Teacher Leadership** for educators who currently hold a master's Level 5 certification in teaching, leadership, or service. Students develop skills as teacher leaders to serve as mentors and coaches for other educators.

This performance-based degree program aims to achieve a proper balance between the experiences required for training a specialist and those required for development as a professional educator working with other educators. Successful completion of the program and a passing score on the Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Educators (GACE) content assessment for Teacher Leadership leads to eligibility for an upgrade to Level 6 certification and adding the new field of Teacher Leadership.

As part of the program curriculum, students complete courses necessary to earn both a **Coaching endorsement** and a **Teacher Leader endorsement**.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Format: Blended combination of online and on-campus instruction

Start Term: August

Course Length: 8 or 16 weeks

Completion Time: Approximately 12 months

Field Experience: One credit hour residency course each term

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

First Semester: 10 hours

- EDUC 677 Coaching Fundamentals*
- EDUC 710 Advanced Measurement & Assessment in Teaching
- EDUC 725 Residency I
- EDUC 790 Research for Practitioners

Second Semester: 10 hours

- EDUC 678 Advanced Coaching*
- EDUC 726 Residency II
- EDUC 798 Advanced Research for Practitioners

Third Semester: 10 hours

- EDUC 720 Advanced Curriculum & Instruction
- EDUC 721 Leadership in Teaching
- EDUC 723 Collaboration with Families and Communities to Support Student Learning
- EDUC 727 Residency III

Total Degree Requirements: 24-30 hours

*Successful completion of these courses with a minimum GPA of 3.0, no grade below B, and completion of portfolio requirements will lead to eligibility for a Coaching endorsement. Candidates who have previously earned a GaPSC-approved Coaching endorsement are exempt from these courses.

Credit by prior learning assessment and course transfer may be possible for up to six credit hours. For additional information, consult the University catalog.

Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking admission must hold a master's degree from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education with a minimum graduate-level cumulative GPA of 3.0. Applicants must also be certified educators who hold a valid Level 5 or higher professional, advanced professional, or lead professional teaching certificate **OR** a valid Level 5 or higher leadership, service, or life certificate.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application for admission
- \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Current vita or résumé
- Goal statement
- Principal verification form

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.



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