

Pathway to Teaching

Prepare to advance your career, your students, and your school through professional growth in Mercer University's College of Education. Build on your experience and work toward earning your **initial teacher certification** through Mercer's Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) or Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program.



The Mercer working adult program provides an *excellent opportunity* for those working in the classroom to get out in front and *make an impact* with the students.

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Continue Working

Mercer's B.S.Ed. and M.A.T. programs are designed with working adults in mind, so students complete the programs through a blended combination of online and on-campus instruction. With our programs' flexibility, many of our students are able to continue working while earning their degrees.

Transfer Your Credits

We want you to get the credit you deserve toward completion of your Mercer degree. That's why we've made the process of transferring credits as seamless as possible. Transfer courses are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and each student receives a personalized program plan after their transfer credits are reviewed.

Benefit from a Tuition Grant

If your school district has an Enterprise Learning Partnership with Mercer, you may be eligible for a 25% tuition benefit. Visit elp.mercer.edu to see if you qualify.

Receive Credit for Professional Experience

Students with prior professional experience in the field of education may be eligible to receive course credit by prior learning assessment.

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Which initial teacher certification program is right for me?

	I am seeking a bachelor's degree. Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)	I currently hold a bachelor's degree. Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Programs	Early Learning and Development (Birth-Kindergarten) + embedded Special Education Endorsement Elementary/Special Education (Grades P-5) + embedded Reading Endorsement Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) + Online Teaching Endorsement*	Elementary Education (Grades P-5) Middle Grades Education (Grades 4-8)† P-12 Education (Grades P-12)† Secondary Education (Grades 6-12)† †pedagogy-only
Format	Blended (combination of online and on-campus instruction)	Blended (combination of online and on-campus instruction)
Locations	Early Learning and Development: Atlanta, Douglas County, and Henry County Elementary/Special Education: Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon Secondary Education: Atlanta, Henry County, and Macon*	Elementary Education: Atlanta, Henry County, and Macon Middle Grades Education: Atlanta and Macon P-12 Education: Atlanta and Macon Secondary Education: Atlanta and Macon
Completion Time	24-48 months, depending on transfer credits	Elementary Education: 18-24 months Middle Grades Education: 18-24 months P-12 Education: 12-24 months Secondary Education: 12-24 months
Course Credits Required	120 hours, depending on transfer credits <i>Includes 17 hours of field experience</i>	Elementary Education: 37 hours Middle Grades Education: 31 hours P-12 Education: 31 hours Secondary Education: 31 hours <i>Includes 13 hours of field experience</i>
Prerequisites	High school diploma/GED 2.5 GPA or higher	Bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (degree in education is not required) 2.5 GPA or higher Successful completion of GACE assessments
Start Terms	January, March, May, August, and October	Atlanta: January, March, May, August, and October Henry County: Foundation courses begin in May, and core courses begin in August. Macon: January and May

*Available Fall 2023 pending program approval

Mercer University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Education programs that lead to teacher certification are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).



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