

# Bachelor of Science in Education

## INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



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Mercer University's **Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)** programs prepare paraprofessionals, waiver teachers, and aspiring educators to become certified teachers in the State of Georgia. Successful program completion 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 initial teacher certification.

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#### Choose from three areas of study:

##### **EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT: BIRTH-K**

The Early Learning and Development major prepares you to pursue various opportunities in preschools, early learning centers, childcare centers, or early childcare agencies, and to promote the success of all young learners by demonstrating proficiency in child development and classroom strategy. Students will also earn an embedded Special Education Preschool (Ages 3–5) endorsement.

*Mercer also offers a non-certification track of the Early Learning and Development program.*



##### **ELEMENTARY/SPECIAL EDUCATION: GRADES P-5**

The Elementary/Special Education major prepares you to understand young children from a holistic perspective and equips you to construct a classroom curriculum appropriate for a child's cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development.



##### **SECONDARY EDUCATION: GRADES 6-12**

The Secondary Education major prepares you to effectively facilitate learning for a group of unique and diverse individuals transitioning to adolescence and adulthood. Choose a concentration in English, History, Mathematics, or Political Science.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

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

**Start Term:** January, March, May, August, and October

**Course Length:** 8 weeks

**Locations:** Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon\*

*\*Early Learning and Development is not available in Macon.*

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## PROGRAM OF STUDY

### Early Learning and Development

General Education Requirements: 30 hours  
Professional and Pedagogical Studies: 45 hours  
Content Studies: 40 hours  
Electives: 5 hours

**Total Degree Requirements: 120 hours**

### Elementary/Special Education

General Education Requirements: 30 hours  
Professional and Pedagogical Studies: 29 hours  
Content Studies: 51 hours  
Electives: 10 hours

**Total Degree Requirements: 120 hours**

### Secondary Education

**Concentrations: English | History | Mathematics | Political Science**

General Education Requirements: 30 hours  
Professional Pedagogical Studies: 38 hours  
Content Studies: 24–30 hours  
Electives: 22–28 hours

**Total Degree Requirements: 120 hours**

*For specific courses, consult the University catalog.*

### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Students who already hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than education may wish to consider Mercer's Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) that leads to initial teacher certification. This option is beneficial for both recent college graduates and career changers. A full list of initial teacher certification options and locations is available at [education.mercer.edu](http://education.mercer.edu).



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## Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking undergraduate admission must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and must be in good standing at the college or university most recently attended. Applicants may be eligible to transfer credits toward the degree. Learn more and apply at [workingadults.mercer.edu](http://workingadults.mercer.edu).

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee (\$50 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- High school or GED transcript (if applicable)

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

Note: After being granted admission to the University, students must pass the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment to be fully admitted to teacher candidacy and begin the program.

**99%** of the College of Education graduating Class of 2022 was employed or in graduate school six months after earning a Mercer degree.\*

\*See methodology at [mercier.edu/post-graduate](http://mercier.edu/post-graduate).



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