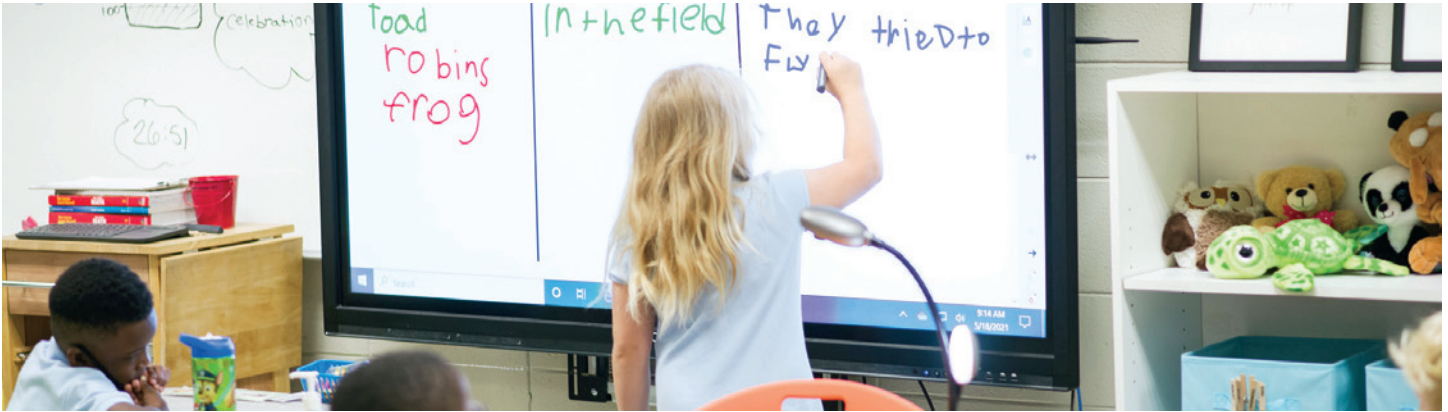


Master of Arts in Teaching

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

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

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. Candidates may choose from Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

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.

P-12 EDUCATION

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, world languages, health and physical education, or music.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Format: Online synchronous and asynchronous instruction with field experiences in the classroom of a mentor teacher

Start Term:

January, March, 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: 34 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*

Secondary Education (6-12)

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

Degree Requirements: 31 hours*

P-12 Education

Foundational Classes
Content Area and Methods Classes
Field Experiences

Degree Requirements: 31 hours*

**Students may be required to complete 6 additional hours of foundation coursework based on a transcript review.*

M.A.T. STUDENTS can enroll in an optional endorsement track of up to nine additional credit hours to **add an endorsement** on their Georgia induction teaching certificate. Mercer University's College of Education offers more than 10 endorsement programs including ESOL, Dyslexia, Gifted, and Computer Science.



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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
- Candidates are required to submit one of the following: a GaPSC Clearance Certificate, a Provisional/Waiver Certificate, a Pre-Service Certificate, or a criminal background check.

Middle Grades, Secondary Education, and P-12 Education applicants must also meet one additional admission requirement:

- Passing score on the GACE® Content Assessment in the desired field of certification

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

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.



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