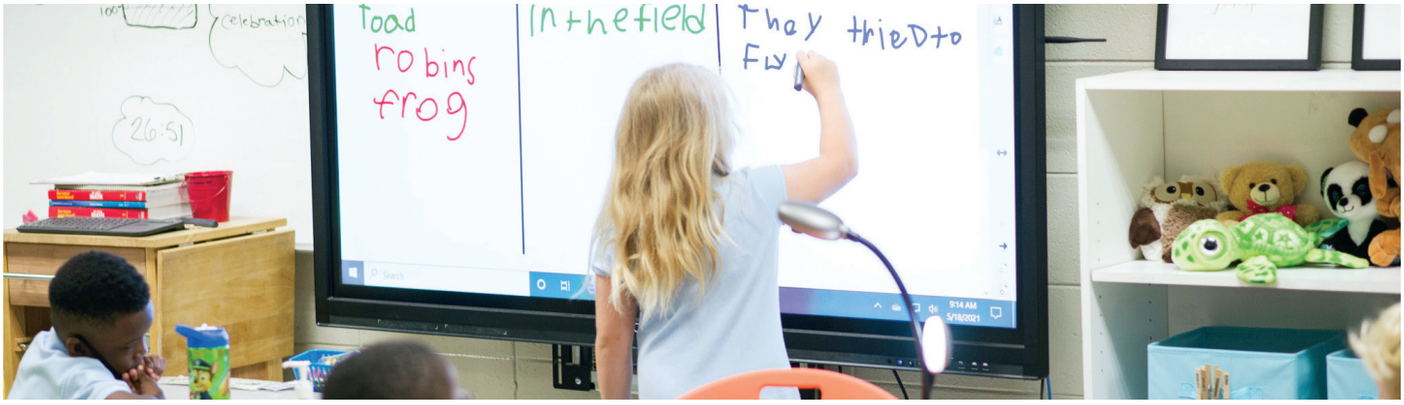
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Master of Arts in Teaching

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 (GRADES P-5)

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

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION (GRADES 4-8)

This pedagogy-only program offers course content and field experiences that prepare individuals to teach and support preadolescent and adolescent students in **grades 4 through 8**. Candidates may choose from Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science.

SECONDARY EDUCATION (GRADES 6-12)

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 such as biology, chemistry, earth/space science, English, geography, history, mathematics, physics, political science, and more. The official list of certification fields is available on the GaPSC website.

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 fields such as art, computer science, dance, drama, ESOL, engineering and technology, world languages, health and physical education, music, and more. The official list of certification fields is available on the GaPSC website.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Format: Online coursework with in-person field experiences in a school near the student

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

Course Length: 8 or 16 weeks

Completion Time: 18-24 months

100% of the College of Education graduating Class of 2025 was employed or in graduate school six months after earning a Mercer degree.*

*See methodology at mercer.edu/post-graduate.

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Education programs that lead to initial and advanced certification are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

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.*

Eligible M.A.T. STUDENTS may choose to enroll in an optional endorsement track of up to nine additional credit hours to add an endorsement on their Georgia induction teaching certificate. Endorsement options are listed on the College of Education website.

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 submit:

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

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

Tuition Benefit for Partner Schools

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

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