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Master of Education – The Advanced Teacher

ADVANCED TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM



Mercer University's **Master of Education (M.Ed.) – The Advanced Teacher** degree is a fully online 30-hour program that prepares teachers to provide better support for their students. This program is designed to instruct and cultivate teachers to have an expanded philosophy of growth and change based on reliable knowledge and reflections on the best practices of teaching and learning.

Through the program, teachers gain the ability to understand and apply the skills of data analysis and educational research to impact educational experiences for all students. Mercer's M.Ed. – The Advanced Teacher degree is designed for teachers with a Level 4 certificate. Concentrations are available in:

- **Early Learning and Development (Birth Through Five Years)**
- **Elementary Education**
- **Middle Grades Education**
- **Secondary Education**
- **P-12 Education**

Eligible students may choose to embed an endorsement within the program at no additional time commitment or cost.

Candidates may be eligible for up to six credit hours through prior learning assessment.

Successful completion of the program will lead to eligibility for an upgrade of the candidate's teaching certification to a Level 5 certificate by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

PROGRAM DETAILS

Format: Online (combination of asynchronous and synchronous coursework)

Start Term: January, May, August

Course Length: 8 or 16 weeks

Completion Time: 12-16 months

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



PROGRAM OF STUDY

Program Core: 12 hours

EDUC 603 School Philosophy and Teacher Leadership
EDUC 618 Issues of Diversity: Language, Cognition, and Culture **OR**
EDUC 625 Culturally & Educationally Responsive Pedagogy
EDUC 657 Contemporary Curriculum Practices
EDUC 690 Introduction to Educational Research

Early Learning and Development: 18 hours
Related Studies
Electives

Elementary Education: 18 hours
Related Studies
Electives

Middle Grades Education: 18 hours
Related Studies
Electives

Secondary Education: 18 hours
Related Studies
Electives

P-12 Education: 18 hours
Related Studies
Electives

Total Degree Requirements: 30 hours

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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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 cumulative GPA of 2.5 and be certified teachers who hold a valid Level 4 or higher teaching certificate in the appropriate teaching field:

- Early Learning and Development program applicants: Early Learning and Development, Birth Through Kindergarten (BTK), or Birth Through Five Years
- Elementary Education program applicants: Elementary Education, Elementary Education/ Special Education General Curriculum, or Birth-Kindergarten
- Middle Grades Education program applicants: One or more Middle Grades (4-8) content areas
- Secondary Education program applicants: One or more Secondary (6-12) content areas

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application for admission
- $25 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Current copy of teaching certificate
- GACE® Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment completion certificate

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

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