Teaching Georgia's teachers and educational leaders for over 100 years.



MERCER UNIVERSITY

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Academic Programs

Whether you are looking to become a teacher, upgrade your teaching certificate, or advance your career through a new leadership role, Mercer University's Tift College of Education will help you build the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to lead the way in the classroom and beyond.

All certification programs are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Enjoy the flexibility of online coursework with access to your Mercer professors and campus resources. Initial certification programs include in-person field experiences.

Up to six credit hours may be awarded for Prior Learning, such as endorsements earned through RESAs (Regional Education Service Agencies).

What's your goal?

I want to become a certified teacher.

INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION

DAYTIME MACON CAMPUS

B.S.Ed. in Computer Science
B.S.Ed. in Elementary/Special Education – The Holistic Child (P-5)
B.S.Ed. in Health and Physical Education
B.S.Ed. in Secondary Education (6-12)
B.M.E. in Music Education (P-12)
Offered through Mercer's Townsend School of Music
Certification in World Languages (P-12) in French and Spanish
Offered through Mercer's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

ONLINE WITH IN-PERSON FIELD EXPERIENCES

B.S.Ed. in Computer Science
B.S.Ed. in Early Learning and Development (Birth-5 years)
B.S.Ed. in Elementary/Special Education (P-5)
B.S.Ed. in Secondary Education (6-12)
M.A.T. in Elementary Education (P-5)
M.A.T. in Middle Grades Education (4-8)
M.A.T. in Secondary Education (6-12)
M.A.T. in P-12 Education

I want to upgrade my Georgia educator certificate.

ADVANCED TEACHER EDUCATION

100% ONLINE

M.Ed. – The Advanced Teacher
- Early Learning and Development
- Elementary Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Secondary Education
- P-12 Education

Ed.S. – The Accomplished Teacher
- Early Learning and Development
- Elementary Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Secondary Education
- P-12 Education

Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction

ENDORSEMENTS

Available to teachers holding a valid teaching certificate

Autism*
Coaching
Computer Science
Dyslexia
English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)*
Gifted
K-5 Math
K-5 Science
Online Teaching*
Personalized Learning
Reading
Special Education
STEM*
Urban Education*

*M.A.T. students may enroll in an optional endorsement track (up to nine credit hours).

Some endorsements may be available only as embedded in a degree program, via prior learning assessment, or through custom cohorts. See website for details.

I want to advance my career in educational leadership.

P–12 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

100% ONLINE

M.Ed. in Educational Leadership (Tier I)
Educational Leadership Certification Only (Tier I)
Ed.S. in Educational Leadership (Tier II)
Educational Leadership Certification Only (Tier II)
M.Ed. in Independent and Charter School Leadership
Ph.D. in Educational Leadership
- Independent School Leadership
- P–12 School Leadership (with optional Tier II Certification track)

HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

100% ONLINE

M.Ed. in Higher Education Leadership
Ph.D. in Educational Leadership
- Higher Education Leadership

I want to become an instructional technologist.

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

100% ONLINE

M.S. in Instructional Design and Technology
This program does not lead to certification or a certificate upgrade.

I want to become a school counselor.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

BLENDED COMBINATION OF ONLINE AND IN-PERSON COURSEWORK ON ATLANTA CAMPUS

M.S. in School Counseling
Offered through Mercer's College of Professional Advancement



Become a Double Bear

Eligible Mercer alumni may qualify for the Double Bear Scholarship when enrolling in the Master of Arts in Teaching, the Master of Education, or the Master of Science in Instructional Design and Technology.

Special Consideration Program benefits include:

- Double Bear Scholarship
- Waived application fee
- Priority admission consideration



Partnerships

Mercer University has established educational partnerships to create meaningful, transformative change.

Mercer University's **Enterprise Learning Partnership** (ELP) program supports the mission of our educational partners by preparing highly qualified teachers and leaders for impact across public and independent school systems.

Program benefits include:

- Tuition scholarship
- Waived application fee
- Opportunity to complete field placement while maintaining current teaching position

Through the **EdAssist** tuition assistance network, employees of partner organizations receive a 10% tuition benefit for eligible programs at Mercer.

Through an accelerated course of study with the **Bridge Program**, students from Mercer and partner institutions with non-education undergraduate degrees can complete a Master of Arts in Teaching to prepare for initial teacher certification in Georgia.

Beyond the Classroom

Mercer's Tift College of Education is committed to supporting students, partners, and schools across the world through cutting-edge research and meaningful service.

The University's distinctive **Mercer On Mission** program deploys students and faculty around the world to meet the most fundamental needs of humanity. The College of Education has taught students and led faculty development workshops in countries such as Belize, Colombia, France, Nepal, Slovakia, Tanzania, and South Africa.

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