Pathway to Teaching

Prepare to advance your career, your students, and your school through professional growth in Mercer University's College of Education. Build on your experience and work toward earning your **initial teacher certification** through Mercer's Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) or Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program.



Continue Working

Mercer's B.S.Ed. and M.A.T. programs are designed with working adults in mind, so students complete the programs through a blended combination of online instruction and in-person, school-based field experiences. With our programs' flexibility, many of our students are able to continue working while earning their degrees.

Transfer Your Credits

We want you to get the credit you deserve toward completion of your Mercer degree. That's why we've made the process of transferring credits as seamless as possible. Transfer courses are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and each student receives a personalized program plan after transfer credits are reviewed.

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.

Receive Credit for Professional Experience

Students with prior professional experience in the field of education may be eligible to receive course credit by prior learning assessment.

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Which initial teacher certification program is right for me?

	I am seeking a bachelor's degree. Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)	I currently hold a bachelor's degree. Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Programs	Early Learning and Development (Birth-Kindergarten) + embedded Special Education Preschool (Ages 3-5) Endorsement Elementary/Special Education (Grades P-5) Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) Computer Science (Grades P-12)	Elementary Education (Grades P-5) Middle Grades Education (Grades 4-8)† P-12 Education (Grades P-12)† Secondary Education (Grades 6-12)† †pedagogy-only Optional endorsement track
Format	Online instruction with in-person field experiences	Online instruction with in-person field experiences
Completion Time	24-48 months, depending on transfer credits	Elementary Education: 18-24 months Middle Grades Education: 18-24 months P-12 Education: 12-24 months Secondary Education: 12-24 months
Course Credits Required	120 hours, depending on transfer credits *Includes 17 hours of field experiences*	Elementary Education: 34 hours Middle Grades Education: 31 hours P-12 Education: 31 hours Secondary Education: 31 hours *Includes 10 hours of field experiences*
Prerequisites	High school diploma/GED 2.5 GPA or higher	Bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (degree in education is not required) 2.5 GPA or higher
Start Terms	January, March, May, August, and October	January, March, May, August, and October

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

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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