



PATHWAY TO TEACHING

GENERATE Grant
VIRTUAL WEBINAR

AGENDA

- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Pathway to Certification Overview
 - ❖ Initial Teacher Certification
 - ❖ B.S. Ed.
 - ❖ M.A.T.
- ❖ Apply
- ❖ Q/A/Wrap Up

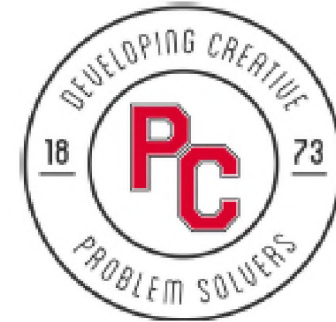
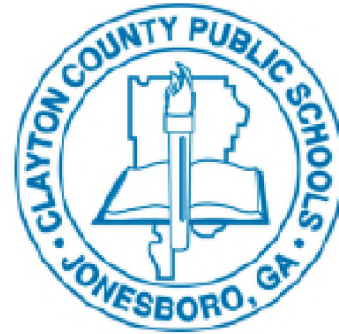
GENERATE

Georgia
Educators
Networking to
Revolutionize
and Transform
Education

MERCER
UNIVERSITY

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Partner Districts



**TWIGGS COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



GENERATE

GENERATE

Georgia
Educators
Networking to
Revolutionize
and Transform
Education

MERCER
UNIVERSITY

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Mercer University's Georgia Educators Networking to Revolutionize and Transform Education (GENERATE) teacher residency program provides a path for teachers without certification or career changers to obtain either **Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)** or **Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)** degrees, become certified teachers in Georgia, and teach in high-need content areas.

- GENERATE grant Pays for **ALL Tuition & FEES**

The program provides individuals with a combination of the following:

- Professional development
- Mentoring
- Professional learning communities
- Embedded endorsement

GENERATE Certification Programs

I am seeking a bachelor's degree.

**Bachelor of Science in Education
(B.S.Ed.)**

Early Learning and Development (Birth-Kindergarten) + embedded Special Education Preschool (Ages 3–5) endorsement.

Early Learning and Development is also offered as a nondegree, certification-only program option.

I currently hold a bachelor's degree.

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)

- Middle Grades Education (Grades 4-8)
- Secondary Education (Grades 6-12)
- P-12 Education (Grades P-12)

Candidates also earn a Computer Science endorsement.

Exploring Mercer's Initial Certification Program Delivery

Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) | Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)

FORMAT

- 25% On-campus, Saturday -based, roughly 1 meeting per month, per class
- 25% Virtual asynchronous- work through at your own pace
- 50% Virtual synchronous- live instruction, remote learning

LOCATION

Macon (One Saturday Each Month)

COMPLETION TIME

24–30 months, depending on approved transfer credits

18–24 months

START TIME

August and October 2023; January and March 2024

August and October 2023; March 2024

Scholarship Service Agreement

GENERATE

Georgia
Educators
Networking to
Revolutionize
and Transform
Education

MERCER
UNIVERSITY

TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

As a condition of the grant program, candidates must commit to serving at a school within a partnering school district for three years after degree completion. Upon admission to the program, candidates sign a Scholarship Service Agreement affirming their willingness to serve within the district where their student teaching is completed. If candidates cannot meet this requirement, the grant will be converted to a low-interest loan and is subject to the repayment schedule outlined in the agreement.

GaPSC & GACE Requirements

Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC)

- **GAPSC.com**
- Responsible for preparation, certification and professional conduct of certification in Georgia public schools.
- Specific requirements for ALL initial certification programs.
- GACE Exams (ethics & content)
- Approved Programs
 - *If a program is **NOT** listed on the GaPSC website, it is not a true initial certification program for becoming a certified teacher in Georgia.*
 - To find this list, visit: **GaPSC** → **Prospective Educators** → **Approved Educator Preparation Programs**

Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE)

- **gace.ets.org**
- Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment
 - Series of modules rather than an actual exam
- GACE Content Assessment- specific to the area you are looking to teach

GACE Prep

How do I study for the GACE Content Area Exam?

- GACE practice tests, study materials, and exam breakdowns are available for test takers in preparation for exam days. Visit the site below for a list of study materials: <https://gace.ets.org/prepare/materials/700>
- **Virtual Math, Science, Social Studies and ELA GACE Support***
 - YOU may attend the sessions regardless if you plan to enroll at Mercer
 - Sessions are Virtual
 - The initial session will run for eight (8) weeks, and a participant may attend as many or as few sessions as desired.
 - RSVP Here: <https://connect.mercer.edu/portal/MUGENERATE>
- **One-day GACE support*** workshop on **Saturday, September 16, 2023**, for persons already enrolled or interested in beginning the August or October 2023 cohort
 - RSVP Here: <https://connect.mercer.edu/portal/MUGENERATE>

Registration is required for both events.

For additional information, please email GENERATE@Mercer.edu or call 478-301-2569.

*Mercer University's GENERATE USDOE SEED grant sponsors this outreach.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.)	Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Completed application for admission	
Application fee – WAIVED	
Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions	
High school or GED transcript (if applicable)	
All applicants must pass the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment for full admission to Teacher Candidacy	GACE Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment completion certificate
	Passing score on the GACE Content Assessment in the desired field of certification

APPLY

BE THE BEAR®

Bachelor of Science in Education



Master of Arts in Teaching





Questions,
Comments, or
Concerns?

Important Contacts

RENEE SLATON

Director of Admissions Undergraduate Education Programs
Call: 678-547-6080

NYNOKA GRANT

Admissions Counselor
Call: (678) 547-6493
Email: enroll@mercer.edu
Schedule Meeting: connect.mercer.edu/portal/nynokagrants

SARAH WHITE

Director of Admissions Graduate Education Programs
(678) 547-6422
Email: white_sk@mercer.edu
Schedule Meeting: connect.mercer.edu/portal/sarahwhite