

GENERATE Grant Program - Pathway to Teaching

INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



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 within partnering school districts. The program provides individuals with a combination of professional development, mentoring, professional learning communities, and an embedded endorsement.

Program Commitment

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 in which their student teaching is completed. If candidates are unable to meet this requirement, the grant will be converted to a low-interest loan and is subject to the repayment schedule outlined in the agreement.

Program Partners

Baldwin County School District
 Bibb County School District
 Clayton County Public Schools
 Dougherty County School System
 Dublin City Schools
 Newton County Schools
 Pike County Schools
 Twiggs County Public Schools
 Dalton State College

Program Benefits

- Tuition and fees paid by grant program
- \$500 stipend for books and materials per semester
- Annual summit to reunite with cohort and discuss achievements
- Participants will earn an endorsement through the program

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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 Early Learning and Development is also offered as a non-degree, certification-only program option.	Middle Grades Education (Grades 4-8) Secondary Education (Grades 6-12) P-12 Education (Grades P=12) <i>Candidates also earn a Computer Science endorsement.</i>
Format	Blended combination of 25% in-person Saturday classes, 25% asynchronous online classes, and 50% synchronous online classes	Blended combination of 25% in-person Saturday classes, 25% asynchronous online classes, and 50% synchronous online classes
Location	Macon	Macon
Course Length	8 or 16 weeks	8 or 16 weeks
Completion Time	24-30 months, depending on approved transfer credits	18-24 months
Course Credits Required	120 hours, depending on transfer credits <i>Includes 18 hours of field experience</i>	31 hours <i>Includes 13 hours of field experience</i>
Start Terms	August and October 2023; January and March 2024	August and October 2023; March 2024
Admission Requirements	Applicants seeking undergraduate admission must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), must be in good standing at the college or university most recently attended, and must have either an associate degree or a minimum 60 semester hours of relevant coursework in general and pre-education foundational courses. Required application components include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Completed application for admission · Application fee - WAIVED · Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions · High school or GED transcript (if applicable) · Bright from the Start background check from the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) · For full admission to Teacher Candidacy and program entry, all applicants must pass the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment. <i>International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements</i>	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 components include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Completed application for admission · Application fee - WAIVED · Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions · GACE Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment completion certificate · Passing score on the GACE Content Assessment in the desired field of certification · Successful completion of a specified number of semester hours of content area coursework earned in conjunction with a bachelor's degree or higher from a GaPSC-approved institution. Number of hours depends on transcript analysis. <i>International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements</i>

Mercer University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Education programs that lead to teacher certification are approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).



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