

**Mercer University
Tift College of Education**

**PH.D. IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
A Hybrid Approach**

Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does the program start?**
Cohorts begin in the fall of each year.

- **Where will the program be offered?**
The Curriculum and Instruction Program is offered at two easy-to-reach locations: Atlanta and Macon, with the majority of course work delivered in a hybrid combination, i.e., online and face-to-face.

- **Who may apply?**
Certified educators may apply. There are five initial requirements:
 1. Candidates must hold current certification at the master's level.
 2. Candidates must have three years of successful teaching experience.
 3. Candidates must submit current GRE scores (received within the last six years).
(GRE scores are not the sole criteria; applicants are encouraged to apply and will need to provide strong evidence of the ability to complete doctoral courses and independent research in other areas.)
 4. Minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.5 in all academic work.
 5. Three professional letters of recommendation.

- **How long will it take?**
The program takes a minimum of three complete years, or nine semesters, including summers. *The dissertation process is integrated within the three years.*

- **Can I keep my job and do this program?**
Yes, the program is designed for working professionals. All classes are offered in the evenings and online during 16-week semesters, or in summer, 8 week sessions.

- **How much does it cost?**
Please consult the Mercer University catalog for current tuition rates, available at the following website: <http://www.mercer.edu/registrar/catalogs>. Curriculum and Instruction students take an average of two 3-hour courses each semester with one 2-hour doctoral seminar. A few semesters require three 3-hour courses.

- **Is there financial aid available for this program?**
Generally, loans are available for graduate programs. Specific financial aid questions should be directed to the financial aid counselors at the following locations: Macon: 478-301-2670; Atlanta: 678-547-6444

- **How do I get more information on the program?**
To get more information or an application packet call Joann Bass (478) 301-5394 or by email at Bass_je@mercer.edu, or on Mercer's web site:

<http://www.mercer.edu/Education>



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