

Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction

“A hybrid doctoral program”

Macon Campus and Atlanta Campus

Tift College of Education

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TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Curriculum and Instruction Program
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GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

General Information

1. The Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction offers two cognate areas:
 - The Early Learner
 - The Adolescent Learner
2. The program is offered in Macon and Atlanta.
3. A minimum of three complete years, or nine semesters, including summers, are required to complete the program.
4. Classes are delivered in a hybrid combination, i.e., online and face-to-face, in the evenings and/or on weekends over 16-week semesters.
5. Candidates take an average of two courses with one 2-hour doctoral seminar each semester and three courses in the summer.

Admission Requirements

All persons must complete the formal written application for admission to graduate studies. General qualifications for admission are a bachelor's and master's degree from an accredited college or university, current master's level certification in teaching, and three years of successful teaching experience. *Not all qualified applicants will be accepted.* Individuals applying for the Ph.D. program must provide the following:

- A completed Ph.D. application form.
- A copy of current master's level teaching certification.
- A copy of recent GRE scores (within the last six years).

GRE scores are not the sole criteria; applicants encouraged to apply and will need to provide strong evidence of the ability to complete doctoral courses and independent research in other areas.

- A current vita or resume.
- Two official copies of transcripts of all academic work; candidate should have a minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.5.
- Three professional letters of recommendation.
- A \$35 non-refundable admissions processing fee with the check made payable to *Mercer University*.

Submit all items in one packet and mail to:

**Graduate Program Associate
Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction
Tift College of Education
Mercer University
103 Stetson Hall
1400 Coleman Avenue
Macon, GA 31207**

Interview

As a part of the application process, all candidates are required to interview with the program faculty. At that time, each candidate will complete a writing sample.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The Tift College of Education's Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction Program uses self-managed applications for admission to its programs. The self-completing structure of this application process allows greater control of the completion of the application file. The applicant is responsible for collecting all required application materials, with the exception of official test scores, and submitting them in one packet. **Missing documents may delay the evaluation of your application.**

- The only items that will be sent separately are **official GRE** score reports. ***The Educational Testing Service institution code for submission of official score reports is Mercer University Macon Institution Code 5409.***
- The Graduate Program Associate will notify applicants upon receipt of the application packet. The admission evaluation will not begin without a complete application.
- Send all application materials, **regardless of campus location to which you are applying, to the Macon campus address.**

1. Application

Complete the application for graduate admission. All requested information is required.

2. Application Fee

Please include the \$35 application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to *Mercer University*. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** The application fee is **non-refundable** and will not apply toward tuition. **Former or current students of Mercer University need not submit another application fee.**

3. Unofficial GRE

If you have already taken the GRE and have the score results, we request that you include a copy with the application. This will expedite the admission decision process and allow the Tift College of Education to reach a conditional decision. ***This does not replace the requirement of an official score report for those applicants who are offered admission. GRE scores awarded six or more years previously cannot be honored.***

4. Official Transcripts

Submit two official transcripts from each college and university attended. Transcripts are required for both undergraduate and graduate course work, regardless of length of stay or if the grades are listed on another school's transcript. A transcript request form is provided to assist you in this process. Complete the transcript request form and submit it to each school's registrar. The registrar will return the transcripts to you in a sealed institution envelope. **Do not open the envelope.** Include the official **sealed** transcript with your application materials.

Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (including Mercer University) must be submitted regardless if the transcripts were previously provided in support of another application to Mercer University.

5. Letters of Recommendation

Three professional letters of recommendation are required. If the candidate is not currently employed in a school system, a letter from the applicant's most recent employer is required.

Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Application for Admission

**Mercer University
Tift College of Education
103 Stetson Hall
1400 Coleman Avenue
Macon, GA 31207**

Semester/Year Fall 20_____

Application Fee U.S. residents (\$35)
(current & former Mercer students are exempt)

Campus Location Macon Atlanta

Academic Program Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction:
 The Early Learner
 The Adolescent Learner

(Please type or print legibly)

Name _____
Last *First* *Middle/Maiden*

Address _____
Number and Street

_____ *City* *State* *Zip*
Social Security Number _____ Birthdate _____ Birthplace _____

Telephone: Home () _____ Business () _____

Cell () _____ Email _____

Citizenship Status (check one): U.S. Citizen
 Permanent resident (if resident alien, attach copy of permanent visa)
 Non-resident Alien (Visa type _____)

Optional Information

The State of Georgia asks for the collection of specific data to ensure completion of statistical reports. One additional request is race/ethnicity. Please help us to cooperate by completing the following questions:

- Are you Hispanic or Latino?
 - Yes**, I am of Hispanic/Latino origin (Includes all persons of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)
 - No**, I am not of Hispanic/Latino origin.
- Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check one or more of the following groups in which you consider yourself to be a member:
 - American Indian/Alaska Native** (Includes all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America [including Central America], and who maintain a tribal affiliation or community attachment.)
 - Asian** (Includes all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.)
 - Black or African American** (Includes all persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.)
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander** (Includes all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)
 - White** (Includes all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.)

Optional Information (continued)

Marital Status _____ Religious Preference _____

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact Name _____

Relationship _____ Telephone (____) _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email address _____

Alumnus/Alumni in family? Name(s) _____

How did you hear about Mercer University's Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction Program?

Test Information

Have you ever taken the GRE? Yes No

If yes, scores: Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Writing _____ Test date _____

Have you requested an official score to be sent to Mercer University Macon Institution Code 5409?
 Yes No

If no, please indicate the date you plan on taking the GRE _____
Month/Year

Education

Please list in order of attendance each college or university you have attended (including Mercer University) regardless of length of stay, amount of credits earned, or if the grades are listed on another school's transcript.

<i>School</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Credits/Degrees Awarded</i>

Employment/Professional Experience

Current/Most Recent Employer _____

Employer Address _____
Street City State Zip

Employer Telephone _____

Job Title _____ Dates _____
Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr

Major responsibilities _____

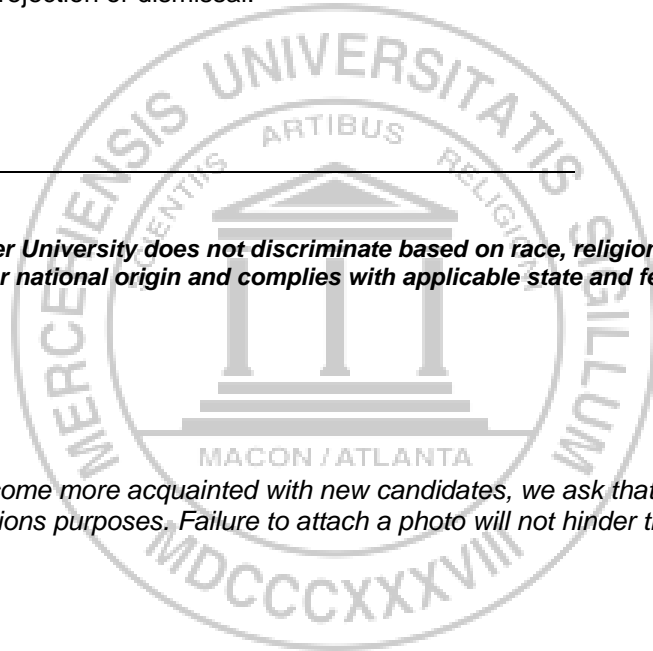
Teaching Experience

School	System	Position	Grade Level/Subject	Dates

I certify that the information given on this application is true and complete. I understand that if found otherwise, it is sufficient cause for possible rejection or dismissal.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Mercer University does not discriminate based on race, religion, gender, color, or national origin and complies with applicable state and federal laws.



In order to help advisors become more acquainted with new candidates, we ask that you attach a recent photo. This photo is not used for admissions purposes. Failure to attach a photo will not hinder the admissions process.

(PLACE CURRENT PHOTO HERE)

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* Macon

* Atlanta

Transcript Request Form

To the applicant:

Please complete this form and use it to request two (2) official transcripts from **all** colleges/universities you have attended. Photocopy this form as needed. The institution will return transcripts to you in an official sealed envelope. These unopened transcript envelopes should be included with your other required application documents.

Please note: Many institutions charge a fee for transcripts. Check your institution's policy in advance.

Please print or type:

Applicant's name _____
Last First Middle/Maiden

Mailing address _____
Street City State Zip

College/University _____

Social Security number or student identification number _____

Dates in attendance _____ Degree & year _____

I authorize the release of **two** official transcripts of my academic record to the Tift College of Education, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

Signature _____ Date _____

To the Registrar:

The individual named above is applying to the Tift College of Education at Mercer University and requests that two (2) official transcripts be released to us. Please enclose this form with the transcripts in your envelope. Seal the envelope, sign across the seal, and return the sealed envelope to the applicant so it can be included with his/her application. ***If your institution has a policy that prohibits the release of transcripts directly to students, please send the transcripts to the following address:***

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