

**Mercer University  
Tift College of Education**

**ED.S. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE-BASED**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

- **When does the program start?**  
Cohorts typically begin during the fall semester of each year.
- **Where will the program be offered?**  
The Ed.S. program in Educational Leadership will typically be offered at the following Mercer University locations:
  - Atlanta • Douglas Regional Academic Center • Henry Regional Academic Center
  - Macon • Savannah
- **Who may apply?**  
Criteria for admission include:
  1. Currently employed in a school leadership position.
  2. Submit a passing score on the GACE assessment.
  3. Submit a copy of current L-5 (or in the future, NL-5) certification from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.
  4. Submit a target score of 900 on the verbal and quantitative sections and a target score of 4.0 on the analytical/writing section of the GRE.
  5. Submit a current vita or resume.
  6. Submit two official copies of all transcripts of academic work showing a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5.
  7. Submit three official letters of recommendation: one of these must be from a school system supervisor documenting that you do have a job in school leadership.
  8. A \$30 application fee (waived for current Mercer students).
  9. Participation in a required interview with program faculty.
  10. A signed and dated writing sample and narrative of career and academic goals to be completed at the interview.
- **Will this program lead to certification with the Professional Standards Commission?**  
Yes, the program has been approved by the PSC and candidates completing the program will qualify for a PL-6 certificate in Leadership.
- **How long will it take?**  
The program will take two complete years, or five semesters, including summers.
- **Can I keep my job and do this program?**  
Yes, all classes will be offered in the evenings (5:00 – 9:30 p.m.) in two 8-week sessions over a 16-week semester. There is also a requirement of a school-based experience with a mentor.

- **How much does it cost?**

Please consult the Mercer University catalog for current tuition rates, available at the following website: <http://www2.mercer.edu/registrar/catalogs>. Educational Leadership students take an average of two 3-hour courses each semester and three 3-hour courses in the summer.

- **Is there financial aid available for this program?**

Generally, loans are available for graduate programs. To receive financial aid, students must be *fully admitted* to the program. Students who are provisionally admitted will not be eligible for aid. Specific financial aid questions should be directed to financial aid counselors at the following locations:

Atlanta:	678-547-6444
Henry Regional Academic Center:	678-547-6050
Macon:	478-301-2670

- **How do I get more information on the program?**

To get more information or an application packet, visit our website:

[http://www2.mercer.edu/Education/Academic\\_Programs/edl\\_edl.htm](http://www2.mercer.edu/Education/Academic_Programs/edl_edl.htm) or call the Graduate Program Associate at 678-547-6550.

