

Mercer University
College of Continuing and Professional Studies

Ed.S. IN SCHOOL COUNSELING

Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does the program start?**
Candidates are admitted in the fall and spring of each year.
- **Where will the program be offered?**
The Ed.S. Program is offered at the Atlanta campus.
- **Who may apply?**
Applicants must hold a master's degree in school counseling, counseling with a school counseling add-on, a counseling-related field, or education with a teaching related emphasis from a regionally accredited college or university. Preference is given to graduates of CACREP/NCATE programs and applicants who are currently certified as a School Counselor and/or have leadership experience in the field.
- **How long will it take?**
The program takes a minimum of four semesters, including summer. The semesters include coursework, a 300 hour internship, a comprehensive exam, and a capstone project. Many people take two years to complete the program because of the demands of working and attending school simultaneously.
- **Can I keep my job and do this program?**
Yes, however there is a 300 hour internship requirement that requires candidates to engage in an on-site field experience in chosen career path relating the school counseling profession.
- **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>. Most Educational Specialist candidates take an average of two 3-hour courses each semester.
- **Is there financial aid available for this program?**
Financial aid, such as loans, is available for graduate programs. To receive financial aid, candidates must be **fully admitted** to the program. Specific financial aid questions should be directed to the financial aid counselors at: 678-547-6444
- **How do I get more information on the program?**
To get more information or an application packet call Mitzi Jenkins (678) 547 6411 or by email: Jenkins_MJ@Mercer.edu, or on Mercer's web site:

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