



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAM M.ED. IN ACCOMPLISHED TEACHING

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Three NCATE-accredited schools in the University System of Georgia participate in this program: Valdosta State University, Georgia Southern University, and Columbus State University. Top graduate faculty from each institution teach the courses.

This 12-course online M.Ed. program can be completed in four consecutive semesters – about 16 months - with a full-time enrollment. Courses are offered on a continuous basis allowing for part-time enrollment. No campus visits are required to complete the program. The M.Ed. in Accomplished Teaching offers an online Master's Degree through three fully accredited universities in the University System of Georgia.

Students in the online program benefit from a highly interactive setting that promotes leadership, collegiality, and communication skills. Professional educators find that the online degree in Accomplished Teaching emphasizes application of acquired knowledge and skills in their classrooms and schools. Teachers in the program come from a range of classroom settings and subject areas. Working educators choose the online M.Ed. in Accomplished Teaching because of its accreditation, quality, and fit with their busy lifestyles. All course-work, including exams, is done online.

Courses	Institution/Semester
Professional Education Core	
EDAT 7100 Research Methodology in Education	VSU/Spring
EDAT 7133 Trends, Issues, and Research in Education	GSU/Summer
EDAT 6159 Multicultural Studies across the Curriculum	CSU/Spring
The Georgia Framework	
EDAT 6226 Curriculum Design for Student Achievement	CSU/Fall
EDAT 6115 Knowledge of Students and Their Learning	CSU/Summer
EDAT 7132 Framework for Teaching	GSU/Summer
EDAT 6001 Using Assessment to Improve Teaching & Learning	VSU/Fall
EDAT 7131 Enhancing Student Performance	GSU/Fall
EDAT 6000 Professional Decision Making	VSU/Summer

Concentration: Approved Electives
Elective
Elective
Elective
Total 36 hours



General Admission Information and Requirements

To join the Accomplished Teaching M.Ed. Program, apply online via the [GeorgiaONmyLINE](http://www.georgiaonline.edu) Web site to one of the three affiliate schools.

Application to the Accomplished Teaching M.Ed. Program requires a current Georgia Teaching Certificate and an application fee.

Program Questions?

Contact the Accomplished Teaching Program Director at (229) 333-5611 (VSU).

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[USG_Common_App_MAT_MED/apply.html?application_id=3650](http://www.gacollege411.org/applications/USG_Common_App_MAT_MED/apply.html?application_id=3650)

Special Enrollment Issues

Students enrolled in the program will use the online courses to conduct all work, including team functions, exams, discussion posts, and case studies. Students also have access to academic resources, such as an online library. Courses are asynchronous. No face-to-face or group online meetings are required. Students may participate in IP videoconferencing/audioconferencing for instruction or field experience supervision. The courses combine text materials, case studies, online team projects and assignments, as well as discussions and written project work. Grades may be based primarily on reports, exams, assigned case studies, and participation in course and team activities

Technical Requirements

Candidates must have basic computer skills and access to a viable computer to take the online classes. Students must register for a campus specific portfolio assessment software. Students may participate in IP videoconferencing/audioconferencing for instruction or field experience supervision. Students will be required to purchase assessment software. Also, students may be required to purchase a webcam and/or headset in order to participate. Additional course specific software may be required

Access to Learning Resources

This program is delivered through a course management system that provides built in content and communication tools. Students have frequent contact with the professor and fellow students through the online courses - through discussion boards, e-mail, and presentation areas. Each professor sets expectations on timing and frequency of interaction. Faculty guide all stages of course work and interact often with students. In-service teachers seeking additional professional development find this form of anytime, anywhere interaction to be essential to their needs for flexible learning. The online program provides free technical support for online learners at <http://help.view.usg.edu> through the University System of Georgia Online Support Center. The required textbooks for all Accomplished Teaching classes are available through the campus bookstores at the participating institutions. Textbook information will be provided in individual course listings. All program participants have access to GALILEO, a web-based world class virtual library with extensive online database access and full text e-documents. Upon program entry, students will receive orientation documents with instructions for accessing library resources and services provided by their admitting institutions.

Access to Financial Aid Resources

Funding a graduate or professional education is a challenge for many students. The Office of Financial Aid does NOT award scholarships or fellowships for graduate students. The primary source of information for such opportunities is the academic department or professional school in which the student is enrolled or plans to enroll. The Office of Financial Aid can offer only student loans to graduate students. To apply for loans, please follow the steps below: 1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> 2. Review the Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy. 3. Respond to any correspondence requested by Georgia Southern University Financial Aid. 4. Review your award notification, sign promissory note if necessary. 5. Review your online invoice and pay balance due by the published fee payment deadline. 6. Receive refund check (if applicable) at your permanent home address. 7. Questions? For Georgia Southern University students, contact the Financial Aid Graduate Counselor at: <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/finaid/main/contact.html>.

Special Program Requirements

Students must have access to Webcam software and hardware to enable remote classroom observation and conferencing. Students are required to purchase TaskStream portfolio assessment software. Additional course specific software may be required.

Special Graduation Requirements

Students must meet all graduation requirements set forth by their home institution (Valdosta State University, Georgia Southern University, or Columbus State University). The Accomplished Teaching M.Ed. curriculum consists of 36 credit hours.

Access to Advising/Mentoring Services

Students accepted into the program are advised on their program of study and course selection via email prior to registration. Each student will be assigned an advisor who will monitor her/his progress in the program. Advising will be conducted using e-mail or phone.

Special Transfer Policies

A degree program student is required to complete a minimum of nine credits from the degree granting institution. Degree program courses are freely transferable among the collaborating institutions. Degree students may transfer up to nine graduate credits from non-collaborating institutions if the credits were earned at a state approved teacher education program. Transfer credits must be approved by the advisor of the degree granting institution.

Special Attendance Requirements

There are no on-campus attendance requirements for this program. Teachers enrolling in this program must be in a classroom setting with students a minimum of 20 hours per week per semester. This requirement can be fulfilled by being a classroom teacher or classroom volunteer. Students must have access to Webcam software and hardware to enable remote classroom observation and conferencing.

Special Program Prerequisites

Students must have access to Webcam software and hardware to enable remote classroom observation and conferencing. Students are required to purchase campus-specific portfolio assessment software. Additional course specific software may be required.

Other Considerations

The semester-length courses begin and end on specific dates. Assignments are due as assigned. Other activity and work deadlines will be published in the course syllabi. There typically are no required synchronous class sessions. Some courses will require classroom observation and conferencing via webcam.

Credits: Total Number of Credit Hours Required to Earn a Degree

The Accomplished Teaching M.Ed. curriculum consists of 36 semester hours of coursework.

Credits: Maximum Number of Credits Transferable into the Degree Program

Nine credit hours may be transferred into the program with advisor approval.

Special Credit Policies/Arrangements for the Degree Program

Up to nine graduate credit hours of transfer credit will be considered with advisor approval. Degree students may transfer up to nine graduate credits from non-collaborating institutions providing the credits were earned at a state approved teacher education program. Transfer credits must be approved by the degree granting institution.

Costs

- Erate. The tuition and fees for courses is \$350 per credit hour, or \$1,050 per course, for both in-state and out-of-state residents. This cost excludes the purchase of textbooks or supplemental materials.
- Other Considerations: Costs are subject to change. The course management system can be accessed via the Internet without purchasing proprietary software