

Master of the Arts in Gifted Education FAQ

1. *When will the program begin?*

Classes are offered fully online for any candidate beginning the Gifted MA in the fall of 2020.

2. *Do I have to take the classes in a lock-step order?*

No, this program will not follow a strictly proscribed schedule with a required order. Classes can be taken out of sequence as long as the prerequisites have been met.

3. *Are these classes offered online or in the classroom?*

Classes are offered fully online.

4. *Do I need to have my Gifted Endorsement in order to enroll?*

Candidates without the endorsement can choose to begin their program by taking these three classes at Piedmont College or they can elect to do the endorsement with their school district if requested (some districts offer the endorsement for free to current teachers).

5. *How many classes is considered full-time?*

A full load is 9 grad hours of course work online, not including the current three gifted endorsement classes.

6. *How many classes will I be required to take to complete the program?*

A person who begins the MA having already earned their gifted endorsement will be able to take 9 of the remaining 30 hours of required course work in the program of study.

7. *Does Piedmont College offer the Gifted Endorsement classes if I need to take them?*

Yes, the Gifted Endorsement consists of 3 classes and they are offered fully online also.

8. *Who can I contact for more information about the program?*

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9. How much does this program cost?

The costs for the Graduate programs are \$563 per credit hour for summer and \$580 per credit hour beginning in the fall.

10. Can I take classes in a cohort?

This program is offered fully online and a most cohorts meets face-to-face. Therefore, the cohort model is not advantageous to completing this program.

11. Is financial assistance available?

You may qualify for financial assistance and we encourage all applicants to fill out the FAFSA by going to: www.studentaid.gov to see what your options are.

12. When is the deadline to apply?

- a. Summer – April 15th
- b. Fall – July 1st
- c. Spring – December 1st