



**CARTERSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS  
Berry College Tuition Benefit Program**

**APPLICATION – 2023-2024 Cohort**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide the BEST number to reach you)

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years Taught:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years Taught in CCS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Years Taught at Current School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level/Content Taught:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certificate Level (T-4, T-5, etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Master of Education (M.Ed.) Program**

Candidates who hold a baccalaureate degree in the field of education from a fully accredited institution of higher education may apply for the Master of Education program. It is strongly recommended that applicants also hold a current teaching certificate. Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in another field with clear and renewable teacher certification from a non-degree granting GAPSC approved program may also apply. To be admitted to the M.Ed. degree program the applicant must have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 2.75, or a junior-senior grade point average of 3.0

**Berry College Admission Criteria: You will only need this information if you have been notified by CCS that you are accepted into ContinUed Cartersville. Upon notification that you have been accepted, you will complete the following steps to apply to Berry College.**

### **Admissions requirements:**

- Complete the Berry College online graduate application (free).
- Submit one official transcript from each college, university attended.
- Submit two recommendation forms within the admissions portal from a P-12 colleague and/or a direct supervisor.
- Complete an educational goal statement in narrative form, not more than 500 words, outlining your goals in pursuing graduate study and the background and/or professional accomplishment, and address the graduate education professional teaching dispositions that you will bring to the program. This statement must be submitted online as part of the admissions process.
- Submit Superintendent assurance form (for leadership programs only).
- Submit GACE Ethics for Leaders (380 for leadership programs only).
- Copy of official Federal-Level Criminal Background Check from approved an approved source.

## **Master's of Education**

### **M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction**

**M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction with Tier I Leadership embedded (Student will pay only for Tier I Leadership certificate)**

### **M.Ed in Educational Leadership**

## **Education Specialist (Ed.S.) Program**

Candidates must hold a master's degree in the field of education from a fully accredited institution of higher education may apply to attend the Education Specialist Program. Applicants who hold a bachelor's degree in another field with clear and renewable teacher certification from a non-degree granting GaPSC approved program may apply. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25.

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## **Education Specialist**

### **Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction**

**Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction with Tier I Leadership embedded (Student will pay only for Tier I Leadership certificate)**

### **Ed.S. in Educational Leadership**

Indicate which degree program you are applying for in the ContinUed Cartersville program:

**Master's of Education**

\_\_\_\_\_ M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction

\_\_\_\_\_ M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction with Tier I Leadership embedded (Student will pay only for Tier I Leadership certificate)

\_\_\_\_\_ M.Ed in Educational Leadership

**Education Specialist**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction

\_\_\_\_\_ Ed.S. in Curriculum and Instruction with Tier I Leadership embedded (Student will pay only for Tier I Leadership certificate)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ed.S. in Educational Leadership

Email completed applications to CCS Human Resources via Andre Weaver. He can be reached at [aweaver@cartersvilleschools.org](mailto:aweaver@cartersvilleschools.org).

**CARTERSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**  
**TUITION BENEFIT PROGRAM CONTRACT**

This Contract is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_\_, by and between the Cartersville City Schools ("CCS") and \_\_\_\_\_, ("Educator");

WHEREAS, Educator is a tenured employee of CCS;

WHEREAS, CCS desires to insure that all of its educators have every opportunity to advance their education;

WHEREAS, Educator desires to advance his/her education by obtaining a Master of Education degree (M.Ed.) or an Education Specialist degree (Ed.S.);

WHEREAS, CCS is willing to pay for the tuition for Educator to obtain said degree at Berry College under certain terms and conditions set forth below;

WHEREAS, Educator is willing to accept the tuition paid on its behalf by CCS and therefore be bound and benefitted by the conditions and terms set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto do hereby agree, covenant and contract as follows:

1. Educator shall apply for enrollment at Berry College through CCS to obtain one of the degrees set forth above.
2. Upon acceptance by Berry College of Educator's application, CCS shall pay for Educator's tuition to obtain said degree.
3. During the time of Educator's enrollment in this program, Educator shall abide by all the terms of Educator's employment contract with CCS and shall remain an employee of CCS for a period of three years after obtaining the sought degree.
4. Educator shall pay CCS any monies expended on Educator's behalf toward tuition in the program immediately upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - a. Educator fails to complete the degree program within thirty (30) months of beginning the program.
  - b. Educator breaches its employment contract with CCS or fails to remain employed by CCS throughout the duration of the program and for an additional three school years following completion of the program.
  - c. Educator fails to maintain a 3.0 grade point average in the program.
5. The terms hereof are contractual in nature and not a mere recital.
6. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

7. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties regarding the subject matter which it purports to govern, and may not be altered save by a writing executed by all parties hereto.
8. Any claim arising out of or pertaining to this agreement shall be litigated EXCLUSIVELY in the Superior Court of Bartow County, Georgia and in no other court whatsoever, with all parties hereto expressly consenting to exclusive venue and jurisdiction in said Court.
9. The prevailing party in any action brought out of or pertaining to this Agreement shall be entitled to receive its reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigation from the non-prevailing party.
10. All parties acknowledge and agree that Educator's actual participation in the program as well as travelling to and from any classes or other required attendance in the program is not to be considered within the scope of Educator's employment for purposes of respondeat superior or other such doctrine. Educator further indemnifies and holds BCSS harmless from any claims arising out of or pertaining to any damage caused or allegedly caused by Educator in any way arising out of or pertaining to Educator's participation in the program.

Read acknowledged and agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_

CCS:

Educator:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Title

Printed name