Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators® (GACE®) Newsletter

The *GACE® Newsletter* is intended to be a resource for Educator Preparation Program Providers to gain access to all the important information and changes happening around the GACE program. The *Newsletter* includes important dates, information about tests and policies, reminders about testing windows and more. The latest GACE program information can always be found at www.gace.ets.org.

Upcoming/Important Dates:

- Spring Teacher Leadership submission window scores will be reported on June 7

- Scores scheduled to be reported on Friday, July 1, will be reported on Tuesday, July 5, because of the ETS holiday

- Read past issues of the GACE Newsletter.
- Subscribe to the GACE Newsletter.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Launch of Engineering and Technology Education Assessment
As communicated in March 2015, state-approved Engineering and Technology Education programs were given until **July 1, 2016**, to adjust their programs to the new Engineering and Technology standards.

As announced in the January 2016 *GACE Newsletter*, the new GACE Engineering and Technology Education assessment will launch on October 7, 2016. This assessment consists of two subtests: Test I (052) and Test II (053). A combined version of the test will also be offered (552). Candidates can take each test separately at a different administration, or they can take the combined version that includes all of the tests within the assessment at a single administration. A study companion for the Engineering and Technology Education assessment is available in the Test Preparation section of the GACE website.

GACE Engineering and Technology Education will replace the current GACE Technology Education assessment (combined test code 548). The final regular testing window for the Technology Education assessment will be June 3−9, 2016. All candidates seeking certification in Engineering and Technology after June 2016 must take the new Engineering and Technology Education assessment. Note that if a candidate does not have passing scores on both subtests (either Test 1 or Test II), the candidate will have to take both subtests of the new Engineering and Technology Education assessment. Please remind your candidates who have only taken one of the Technology Education subtests to be sure to register for this June administration.

Final Administration of Technology Education Assessment
The final testing window for Technology Education is June 3–9, 2016. In recognition that some candidates taking the Technology Education assessment during this last administration may only pass one of the subtests, ETS has agreed to offer a special August administration for these candidates. This August administration will not be announced on the GACE website, nor will it appear in the GACE registration system. Only ETS Customer Service representatives will be able to register these candidates for this special administration. In July, ETS will contact all candidates who have passed only one of the subtests and inform them of the special administration. This will be the final opportunity for these candidates to take the Technology Education assessment.

2016−17 GACE *Registration Bulletin*
The GACE *Registration Bulletin* for the 2016−17 testing year will be posted on the GACE website on July 6, 2016. The effective date for that bulletin will be September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. The 2016−17 GACE *Bulletin Supplement for Test takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs* will also be posted at that time.

GEORGIA ETHICS ASSESSMENTS

Taking the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment
All candidates **admitted** to any GaPSC-approved Educational Leadership program (current program or the new tiered model) on or after July 1, 2016, **must complete** (do not have to pass) Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Entry (370) prior to becoming enrolled. A candidate who completes this program entry requirement for Tier I, does not have to complete it again for Tier II.

All candidates **completing** any GaPSC-approved Educational Leadership program (current program or the new tiered model) on or after July 1, 2016, **must attempt** Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit (380) prior to completion and **must pass** the assessment to earn certification in the field of Educational Leadership. A candidate who **passes** Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit for Tier I certification, does not have to pass it again for Tier II certification.

For more information, see eligibility and registration in the Ethics section of the GACE website.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Spring Submission Window Score Reporting

Scores for the spring 2016 submission window will be reported on **June 7, 2016**. Official score reports will be posted in test takers' testing accounts in the Teacher Leadership submission system. Scores are also sent to program providers, the GaPSC, and any score recipients designated during registration.

Fall Registration and Submission Window

Registration	January 2, 2016–December 16, 2016
Submission Window	May 23, 2016–December 30, 2016

Library of Examples

A new section has been added to the Teacher Leadership "Preparing for an Assessment" section of the GACE website. This Library of Examples is a collection of actual written responses. It is organized by task and by each textbox within a task. Each example includes a pair of excerpts — a stronger and a weaker written response — that candidates can use to compare against the rubric and their own work in order to evaluate the quality of evidence they are presenting. It is important to note that this Library of Examples does not provide templates for successful submissions. These examples should be used only for comparison purposes.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Eligibility to Test

If candidates are enrolled in or seeking admission to a Georgia state-approved educator preparation program, they must be approved to test by their program provider in order to take a GACE assessment for Georgia certification. If they have a different reason for testing, the GaPSC will provide approval to test through their MyPSC account. See Reasons for Testing for more information.