



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 in the GACE program. The *GACE® 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:

ETS offices are closed:

- Friday and Monday, December 23 and 26
- Friday and Monday, December 30 and January 2

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PROGRAM UPDATES

Engineering and Technology Education Launches

The new GACE Engineering and Technology Education assessment launched on October 7, 2016, replacing the GACE Technology Education assessment (combined test code 548). The new assessment consists of two subtests: Test I (052) and Test II (053). A combined version of the test (552) will also be offered. 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.

GaPSC Certification Requirements for State-approved Educational Leadership Programs

Updated certification requirements have been released for state-approved Educational Leadership (EDL) programs. Please note that there may be additional certification requirements based on an individual's situation.

Assessment Name	Non-Tier EDL Programs	Tier I Programs	Tier II Programs
Program Admission Test 200, 201, and 202, or combined 700	All EDL candidates who have not previously held and/or hold a professional certificate must satisfy the Program Admission Assessment requirement either by passing all parts of the GACE Program Admission assessment or meeting exemption criteria as outlined at www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/BasicSkillsInfo.aspx		
Educational Leadership (Test 301)	Candidates enrolled in or who become enrolled in currently approved EDL programs will continue to attempt the current GACE Educational Leadership assessment (Test 301) prior to program completion. Candidates must pass the assessment for EDL certification.	Effective July 1, 2016, candidates enrolled in Tier I EDL programs must attempt the current GACE Educational Leadership assessment (Test 301) prior to program completion and must pass the assessment (Test 301) for EDL Tier I certification.	Effective July 1, 2017, candidates enrolled in Tier II EDL programs must have passed the GACE Educational Leadership assessment (Test 301) prior to enrollment in Tier II.
Georgia Ethics Assessment for Educational Leadership – Program Entry (Test 370)	All candidates admitted in currently approved EDL programs on or after July 1, 2016, must have completed (do not have to pass) the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment – Program Entry (Test 370) prior to enrollment.	Effective July 1, 2016, all candidates enrolled in Tier I EDL programs must have completed (do not have to pass) the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment – Program Entry (Test 370) prior to becoming enrolled.	Effective July 1, 2017, candidates enrolled in Tier II EDL programs who have not previously completed (do not have to pass) the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment – Program Entry (Test 370) must do so prior to enrollment in Tier II programs.
Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit (Test 380)	All candidates completing currently approved EDL programs on or after July 1, 2016, must attempt the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit (Test 380) prior to completion and must pass the assessment for EDL certification.	Effective July 1, 2016, all candidates completing Tier I programs must attempt the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit (Test 380) prior to completion and must pass the assessment for Tier I EDL certification.	Effective July 1, 2017, candidates completing Tier II programs who have not previously attempted the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment – Program Exit (Test 380) must do so prior to completion and must pass the assessment for Tier II EDL certification.
Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL)	N/A	N/A	Effective July 1, 2017, candidates must attempt the Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL) prior to completing Tier II, and must pass the assessment for Tier II EDL certification.

- **Non-tier EDL programs:** State-approved EDL programs whose enrollment will sunset in spring semester 2017.
- **Tier I programs:** Preparation for entry leadership positions that include P–12 school level positions below the principal and district level positions that do not supervise other leaders. Tier I programs start July 1, 2016.
- **Tier II programs:** Preparation for advanced leadership positions that include P–12 school level principals or the equivalent, superintendents, or other LUA staff who supervise other leaders. Tier II programs start July 1, 2017.
- **Enrolled:** Admitted to an educator preparation program and taking coursework in that program.

The last semester to enroll candidates in current EDL programs is **spring semester 2017**, or for programs not using a semester system, enrolled and taking coursework in that program by **February 1, 2017**.

For information about the program requirements for EDL, please contact your GaPSC Program Approval education specialist.

For questions about certification requirements, email mail@gapsc.com.

For information about certification assessments, visit the GACE website at www.gace.ets.org or email GACEsupport@ets.org.

Fee Changes

Effective January 15, 2017

- The fee for test takers to change their test center, test date, or testing time will increase from \$15 to \$25.
- The refund for a test registration that is canceled at least two full days before the test date (not including the day of the request and the day of the test) will change from \$30 to a flat fee of 50 percent of the test fee, exclusive of the \$25 registration fee and the \$28 test center fee.

Effective June 1, 2017

- The GACE Paraprofessional assessment fee will increase from \$35 to \$38.
- Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) will increase from \$15 to \$18.

PREPARING TEACHER CANDIDATES

New Interactive Practice Tests

New Interactive Practice Tests have been released for the following titles.

- Engineering and Technology Test I (052)
- Engineering and Technology Test II (053)
- Program Admission II – Mathematics (201) — Version II
- Program Admission – Reading Test I (200) — Version II

Program Admission III – Writing (203) — Version II will be released in March 2017.

Note that within each version purchased, the same questions are presented in the same order. Retaking or repurchasing the same version of an interactive practice test more than once will not present different questions or change the order in which they are presented. Please tell candidates to be sure to check previous orders to make sure that they do not have any valid subscriptions and that they are ordering the version they need before they place an order. There are no refunds for duplicate orders.

Study Companion Updates

The following GACE Study Companions will be revised early in 2017 in response to feedback received from recent GACE surveys. Revisions include adding more questions, which will make these study companions more similar to the tests.

- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Leadership
- English
- Mathematics
- Middle Grades Science
- Middle Grades Social Science
- Middle Grades Language Arts
- Special Education General Curriculum
- Special Education Mathematics and Science
- Special Education Reading, English Language Arts, and Social Studies

TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Fall 2016 Registration and Submission Window

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

Fall 2016 Submission Window Score Reporting

Scores for the fall 2016 submission window will be released on February 7, 2017. Official score reports are made available via test takers' testing accounts in the Teacher Leadership submission system. Scores are automatically sent to program providers, the GaPSC, and any designated score recipients at that time.

Spring 2017 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	January 2, 2017–April 14, 2017
Submission Window	January 23, 2017–April 28, 2017

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

No Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones, tablets, PDAs, and any other electronic, listening, recording, scanning, or photographic devices are **NOT ALLOWED in the testing center**. If test takers are found to be in possession of one of these devices at any time, **including breaks**, their devices may be inspected and/or confiscated for security reasons, and they will be dismissed from the test. Test fees will be forfeited and scores will be canceled, even if dismissal is not enforced on the day of the test.

Leaving the Test Center Prohibited During Test Administration

Test takers are required to remain inside the test center building **during the administration and during breaks**. If they leave the test center, they will be dismissed and their scores will be canceled.