



Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment Information for Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) March 18, 2015

This document provides additional clarification about eligibility, registration, and data availability for the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment (Program Entry and Program Exit).

Why does Georgia require the Educator Ethics assessment?

The Georgia Educator Ethics assessment is a training and assessment program composed of a series of modules that combine instruction and testing. The goal of the assessment is to help educators become familiar with, understand, and apply the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators, as well as comprehend and embrace the principles of ethical decision making in an educational context. The modules focus on professionalism in education — in teachers' relationships with their students, their schools, and their communities — as well as on ethical understanding to guide decision making, and the specific regulations and expectations that educators face in Georgia.

- **Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350)** ensures candidates beginning their programs are exposed to the Georgia Code of Ethics and ethical principles to guide decision making as they complete field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia classrooms. Data from this assessment inform EPPs' ethics instruction as candidates progress through the program.
- **Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360)** ensures candidates know and can apply the Georgia Code of Ethics and ethical principles to guide decision making. **EPPs must first instruct and assess candidates in the Georgia Code of Ethics and ethical understanding to guide decision making before granting them eligibility to take Program Exit (360).** Data from this end-of-program assessment inform EPPs' ethics instruction as they work to enhance programs where needed.

Through this collaborative focus on ethics instruction and assessment, Georgia can equip educators — including pre-service, beginning teachers, and school leaders — in ethical understanding and decision making to better equip them with the skills to operate within the boundaries of professional practice. Ultimately, ethical violations in education will be reduced, and children will be safer in classrooms.

Who needs to take Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350) and when?

- **State-approved traditional EPP initial teaching candidates** (colleges/universities) must complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350) as one of the requirements to hold a Pre-service certificate.
- **State-approved non-traditional EPP initial teaching candidates** (GaTAPP) must complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350) prior to program admission.
- **Out-of-state initial teaching candidates doing field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia** must complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350) as one of the requirements to hold a Pre-service certificate.

Although candidates do not receive a score, all training modules and end-of-module tests must be completed to receive credit for the assessment.

Who needs to take Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) and when?

- **State-approved traditional EPP initial teaching candidates** (colleges/universities) must attempt Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) prior to program completion. These candidates must pass Program Exit (360) as one of the requirements to hold an Induction certificate.
- **State-approved non-traditional EPP initial teaching candidates** (GaTAPP) must pass Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) prior to program completion.
- **Out-of-state EPP initial teaching candidates doing field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia** must attempt Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) prior to program completion.
- **Out-of-state educators seeking certification in Georgia** via reciprocity with less than three (3) years of experience.

How do candidates obtain eligibility to take the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment?

Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment – Program Entry (350)

- **State-approved traditional EPP initial teaching candidates** (colleges/universities) must create or update their MyPSC account on the GaPSC website. They should select *Reason for Testing #7* in MyPSC to obtain automatic eligibility to complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350).
- **State-approved non-traditional EPP initial teaching candidates** (GaTAPP) must create or update their MyPSC account on the GaPSC website. They should select *Reason for Testing #7* in MyPSC to obtain automatic eligibility to complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350).
- **Out-of-state EPP initial teaching candidates doing field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia** must create or update their MyPSC account on the GaPSC website. They should select *Reason for Testing #4* in MyPSC to obtain automatic eligibility to complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350).

Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment – Program Exit (360)

EPPs must instruct and assess candidates in the Georgia Code of Ethics and ethical principles to guide decision making before granting them eligibility to attempt Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360). **Candidates can view the bottom of the Assessments Screen in their MyPSC account to verify they have been granted eligibility to take Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360).**

- **State-approved traditional EPP candidates** (colleges/institutions) have been entered in the Traditional Program Management System (TPMS). These candidates will claim their enrollment in TPMS. State-approved traditional EPP initial teaching candidates (colleges/universities) should select *Reason for Testing #2* to request eligibility to complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360). EPPs will grant these candidates eligibility to test at the appropriate time.
- **State-approved non-traditional EPP candidates** (GaTAPP) have been entered in the Non-Traditional Reporting System (NTRS). These candidates do not have to claim enrollment in their MyPSC account. GaTAPP providers will determine candidate readiness on an individual basis after instruction and assessment in ethical decision making, and grant eligibility to the candidate by selecting the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit button in NTRS.
- **Candidates from out-of-state EPPs doing initial teaching field experience/clinical practice in Georgia** have been entered in TPMS. These candidates will claim their enrollment in their MyPSC account. They should select *Reason for Testing #4* to request eligibility to take Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360). EPPs will grant these candidates eligibility to test via TPMS at the appropriate time.
- **Out-of-state educators seeking certification in Georgia** via reciprocity with less than three (3) years of experience must have a MyPSC account to test, in which they select *Reason for Testing #4*.

Where do candidates and EPPs access scores?

Test Takers

- Test takers for Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350) and Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) can access their scores under “My History” in the Educator Ethics assessment system. The information provided to examinees about their performance is available for program providers on the GACE website at gace.ets.org/ethics/program_providers/scores.
- Once test takers complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350), they can print a “Certificate of Completion.”
- Once test takers pass Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360), they can print a “Certificate of Passing.”
- Test taker scores are uploaded to GaPSC certification database approximately 7-10 days after the test taker finishes the assessment.

EPPs

EPPs can access test taker reports for their candidates in ETS Data Manager for GACE. EPPs receive all the information their candidates receive. Each EPP has a designated Primary User to access ETS Data Manager, and the Primary User can appoint a Secondary User(s). New scores are typically available in ETS Data Manager every Friday after 4 p.m. ET.

How do candidates and EPPs get assistance?

- For questions about TPMS, contact **tpms@gapsc.com**
- For questions about registration, payment, scores, etc., contact ETS Customer Service for assistance. Phone: 1-855-225-7178 (U.S., U.S. Territories, Canada), M-F 8 a.m.–5 p.m. ET, excluding holidays
Email: **gace_inquiries@ets.org**