



Dear Colleagues:

There are many exciting developments taking place in support of the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators® (GACE®) program. This issue of *Latest from GACE* will cover some of the biggest changes occurring within the program.

Informational Website Launches

The ETS GACE website, which launched on July 1, will be the new location for program-related updates, test taker account management, and more.

[Visit the new GACE website now](#) or enter www.gace.ets.org into your web browser.

The website offers a wide variety of resources related to the GACE program that can be useful for program providers and their educator certification candidates:

- Information about the assessments being offered
- Test preparation tips and materials such as Study Companions
- Downloadable program documents including the *Registration Bulletin*

The GACE website also allows test takers to view, change, or update their test registrations, view their scores, and print their admission tickets. The GACE website's user-friendly structure allows program providers and candidates to quickly navigate to the information that is important to them.

If you need assistance accessing or navigating the website, or if you encounter any problems when using the tools offered on the site, please contact ETS Customer Service at **1-855-225-7178**. The public email address for ETS GACE inquiries is gaceinquiries@ets.org.

State-approved Educator Preparation Program Providers should address questions about the new GACE program to GACESupport@ets.org.

ETS Call Center Opens

The ETS Customer Service call center also opened on July 1 for all GACE-related inquiries.

Call ETS Customer Service at **1-855-225-7178** to speak to an ETS Customer Service Representative. Customer Service Representatives are available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Live Chat is a free service offered on the GACE website where you can chat online with a Customer Service Representative in real-time. Live Chat is available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Transition from Evaluation Systems (ES) to Educational Testing Service (ETS) as Test Supplier

The GaPSC is transitioning from Evaluation Systems (ES) to Educational Testing Service (ETS) as the supplier for the GACE assessments (with the exceptions of the Educational Leadership assessment and Professional Pedagogy assessment).

Important:

- Registration for ETS-delivered GACE assessments (any GACE test being administered on or after October 5) will begin on August 19, 2013.
- The first ETS-delivered test administration will occur on October 5

The August 2013 GACE administration is the final opportunity to pass a GACE assessment with the current supplier – ES – to count toward certification (see exceptions below, which includes new information regarding the Paraprofessional assessment).

- ES will continue to offer the Paraprofessional Assessment through September 30, 2013. The GaPSC will accept passing scores on the GACE Paraprofessional Assessment that are dated on or before September 30, 2013.
- ES will continue to offer the Educational Leadership assessment and the Professional Pedagogy assessment, which will remain with ES until spring 2014.

All Tests in an Assessment Must Have the Same Supplier to Count Toward Certification

Because scores from tests offered by different test suppliers are not comparable, passing scores on tests within an assessment cannot be split between the two suppliers. **Examinees must pass all parts of an assessment with the same testing supplier for that assessment to count toward certification.** For example, an examinee cannot pass Early Childhood Education Test I with ES and Early Childhood Education Test II with ETS to get credit for completing the Early Childhood GACE assessment.

You will retain credit for any GACE assessment you have already passed (all parts of the assessment must be passed to retain credit).

Remaining Testing Opportunities with ES

Following are the remaining test dates with ES for which the GaPSC will accept the scores for GACE assessments (other than the three exceptions noted above), provided all parts (tests) of an assessment are passed:

- July 13, 2013 – supplemental administration
- August 17, 2013 – supplemental administration
- The GACE Paraprofessional assessment will be offered at multiple locations, including some school districts and RESAs, through September 30, 2013. Please refer to www.gace.nesinc.com for test site information.

It is important to check test availability for each administration above. Please visit www.gace.nesinc.com for complete testing information. As in the past, not all tests are offered at each administration.

The ES GACE website, at www.gace.nesinc.com, is the best source of information regarding the current GACE testing program, including test preparation, registration, and administration questions. If after checking the website you have questions about registration or testing for administrations with ES, please contact ES directly. Contact information is available on the ES GACE website in “Contacts” in the upper right corner on the homepage. If the GaPSC can be of service regarding changes to the testing program and testing requirements, please contact Anne Marie Fenton at annemarie.fenton@gapsc.com.

As always, thank you for the work you do in helping to make a positive impact on student learning.

Sincerely,

Kelly Henson