



Dear Colleagues:

We hope you have had a chance to explore the new [GACE website](#), which launched on July 1, and all its valuable features and resources.

If you have anything you would like to share with us about the website, please click on the Feedback tab shown on the right-hand side of each screen to submit your comments.

Basic Skills is Now “Program Admission”

As part of the customized GACE program being developed by ETS, the Basic Skills assessment has been renamed the Program Admission assessment.

The Program Admission assessment includes:

- Test I – Reading: Test Code 200
- Test II – Mathematics: Test Code 201
- Test III – Writing: Test Code 202
- Combined Test I, II, and III: Test Code 700

Live Webinars for Examinees Beginning September 12

Live webinars are offered by ETS to help educator certification candidates prepare for the GACE assessments and give helpful tips for studying for the test. Participants will be able to ask questions in real-time at the conclusion of each webinar.

To attend a live webinar, you must register on the [GACE Webinars page](#) of the ETS GACE website. Registration opens approximately two weeks prior to each webinar date. Dates and times for upcoming live GACE webinars are listed below:

Title	Date	Time
GACE Study Plan Development Webinar	September 12, 2013	2 p.m. ET
GACE Study Plan Development Webinar	October 10, 2013	11 a.m. ET
GACE Study Plan Development Webinar	November 15, 2013	2 p.m. ET

Registration for the September 12, GACE Study Plan Development Webinar is currently open.

[Register today.](#)

Reasons for Testing

Before candidates can register to test, they must select a reason for testing in their MyPSC account on the GaPSC website.

A GACE assessment can be taken for any of the reasons listed below. Failure to select the correct reason for testing may result in the candidate not being able to register or having to retest.

Undergraduate Program Admission

1. Candidates are testing for admission to a Georgia educator preparation program and need to take the Program Admission assessment (formerly Basic Skills).

College/University Programs

2. Candidates are enrolled in a Georgia-approved program in an undergraduate teaching field, or in Educational Leadership, Media, School Psychology, or Counseling.
3. Candidates are seeking admission to or are enrolled in a Georgia-approved M.A.T.; M.Ed. that leads to certification; Certification Only; or Post-Baccalaureate program.
4. Candidates are enrolled in an out-of-state (non-Georgia) college/university (at the undergraduate or graduate level) educator preparation program that requires field experiences and/or student teaching that will be done in Georgia schools.
5. Candidates are enrolled in a college/institution and are testing in a teaching field different from their first teaching preparation field (**Note:** Candidates enrolled an initial teaching field must first pass the assessment for their first teaching preparation field before testing in a different field).
6. Candidates have already completed a Georgia college/university preparation program and are testing for certification.

GaTAPP

7. Candidates are seeking admission to a GaTAPP program and are testing to meet the content assessment requirement(s).
8. Candidates are enrolled in a GaTAPP program and are testing to meet the content assessment requirement(s).

Adding a Field

9. Candidates hold a Georgia professional teaching certificate and are adding a teaching field or academic content concentration(s).

Out of State

10. Candidates are graduates of an out-of-state educator preparation program seeking Georgia certification.
11. Candidates hold an educator certificate in a state other than Georgia and are seeking Georgia certification.

Other Reasons

12. Candidates hold a Georgia Non-Renewable teaching certificate and are seeking professional certification.
13. Candidates are testing to meet the requirements in their letter of eligibility from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.
14. Candidates teach in a Georgia Charter School with no requirement for certification and are testing to meet Highly Qualified Teacher requirements.
15. Candidates teach in a Georgia private school that may or may not require certification and are testing to earn state certification.

Please download the [August 20, 2013, issue of Latest On GACE](#) (PDF) for more information on registration and eligibility to test. In addition, specific steps to establish eligibility to test through MyPSC can be found in the [Steps to Establish Eligibility](#) document (PDF) on the GaPSC website.

GACE Pricing

The cost to take a GACE assessment has not increased in the past seven years, with the exception of one \$5 registration fee increase a few years ago, and the cost will not increase for the next seven years with ETS. In fact, the computer-delivered testing fee has actually been reduced by \$2, and the full cost of a GACE assessment is projected to decrease again within the next few years. Because all GACE assessments are computer-delivered, the computer-delivered testing fee applies to all GACE test titles.

To illustrate how this pricing change has impacted test takers, a single computer-delivered GACE content assessment (one test) previously cost \$125 and now costs \$123. A combined computer-delivered content assessment (two tests) previously cost \$195 and now costs \$193. Because all GACE assessments are computer-delivered, the computer-delivered testing fee change applies to all GACE test titles.

For more information on the cost of each GACE assessment, please refer to the [Fees](#) section of the ETS GACE website.

Important Information for Current/In-Service Educators

Current educators who hold a Georgia professional teaching certificate and are taking a GACE assessment to add a teaching field or academic content concentration(s) to their certification must do so by selecting reason 9 for testing on the MyPSC website (see **Reasons for Testing** above for more information).

Please note that the GACE Early Childhood Education and GACE Early Childhood Special Education General Curriculum assessments cannot be used to add a field to a Clear Renewable teaching certificate and are intended only for candidates who have completed a state-approved educator preparation program in this field. Teachers who hold a valid, Clear Renewable certificate in a special education field can pass the Early Childhood Education Assessment to add the core academic subjects (P-5) to their special education certificate.

Assessment Rules

For specific testing requirements for Georgia certification, please refer to the [Georgia Educator Assessment Rule](#) (PDF) on the GaPSC website.

Contact Information

GACE Assistance

ETS is committed to handling all inquiries related to the GACE program such as registration information, testing schedules, test costs, test codes, how to study, etc. It is important to let them provide this service.

The GaPSC will still assist educators with certification questions related to which test they need for their certification.

GACE Informational Website: www.gace.ets.org.

Calls about any aspect of GACE, not related to certification, should be directed to ETS Customer Service:

1-855-225-7178, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Emails from test takers about the new testing program should be directed to: gace_inquiries@ets.org.

GaPSC Assistance

Calls requiring assistance regarding certification or MyPSC questions should be directed to the GaPSC call center:

1-800-869-7775, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except for state holidays).

Emails requiring the GaPSC assistance should be directed to: mail@gapsc.com.

In Case You Missed It...

Here's the August 20, 2013, issue of [Latest On GACE](#), in case you missed it.

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