



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 of 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 will be closed on Monday, **May 29** and Tuesday, **July 4**
- Spring Teacher Leadership Submission Window ends April 28

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PROGRAM UPDATES

2017–18 GACE *Registration Bulletin and Bulletin Supplement*

The GACE *Registration Bulletin* for the 2017-18 testing year will be posted on the GACE website on July 17, 2017. The effective date for that bulletin will be September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018.

The 2017–18 GACE *Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs* also will be posted at that time.

2017–18 GACE Testing Windows, Registration Deadlines, and Score Reporting Dates

Testing windows, registration deadlines and score reporting dates for the 2017–18 testing year will be posted on the GACE website on July 17, 2017. See Test Centers and Dates at www.gace.ets.org/register/centers_dates.

Online Testing Accommodations Requests

Beginning with the new testing year, test takers requesting certain testing accommodations (extra time, extended breaks, screen magnification, selectable background and foreground colors) will be able to apply for accommodations online through their ETS testing account, and check the status of their requests. Once requests are approved, they will be able to register online.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

What Is the PASL?

This performance-based assessment consists of three real-world tasks, each of which takes place during clinical experience and focuses on:

- addressing a problem/challenge
- developing continuous professional development
- building a collaborative culture

During clinical experience, a candidate's internship provides a variety of artifacts — including student work, observation feedback, and video segments — that will be submitted as part of the tasks.

The assessment will be administered twice per year during pre-established submission windows. Candidates will have approximately two months to upload their task responses into the online submission system.

For more information about the PASL, see [PASL Information for Test Takers](#) and [PASL Information for Educator Programs](#).

PASL Standard Setting

In December, ETS conducted a multistate standard-setting study for the Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL). Educators on the panel were nominated by their state agencies. Two Georgia EPPs were represented on the panel. They understood what knowledge and skills are necessary for beginning school leaders. These educators followed a standard-setting process that involved independent reviews, group discussions, and multiple rounds of judgments. The study concluded with a passing score recommendation from the panel.

A diverse group of Georgia educators and those who prepare educational leaders, including the two who served on the multistate panel, convened on April 11 and 12, 2017, to review and discuss the process and the data from the multistate standard-setting study. At the conclusion of the meeting, they provided a recommendation regarding the recommended passing standard for Georgia. The Georgia panelists, like the multistate panelists, understood what knowledge and skills are necessary for beginning school leaders. They also were school leaders and teachers, as well as EPP faculty who prepare future school leaders. Additionally, they represented various regions of the state of Georgia.

PREPARING TEACHER CANDIDATES

Program Admission – Writing Version II Interactive Practice Test (IPT) Added

A new IPT has been added to the ETS Store: Program Admission – Writing (202) Version II. This second version gives test takers an additional resource for studying to take the test. Note that there is only **one set of practice questions** in each version of the IPT; retaking or repurchasing the same version more than once does not result in different practice questions or change the order in which the questions are offered.

Study Companion Updates

Updated study companions for the following assessments have been posted to the GACE website. Revisions include adding more questions, which will make these study companions more similar to the tests.

- Early Childhood Education
- Mathematics
- Middle Grades Mathematics
- Special Education Reading, English Language Arts, and Social Studies

TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Spring 2017 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	January 2, 2016–April 14, 2017
Submission Window	January 23, 2017–April 28, 2017

Rescheduling a Submission Window

Rescheduling a submission window can only be done if the registration deadline for the initial submission window has not passed and the new submission window is open for registration. Changing a submission window incurs a \$50 rescheduling fee.

Note: Tasks and artifacts uploaded for the original submission window will not transfer automatically to the new submission window. Candidates will be required to re-upload any tasks and artifacts they have previously uploaded. All tasks and artifacts must be submitted by the same deadline date.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Paraprofessional Fee Increase

The GACE Paraprofessional assessment test fee will increase from \$35 to \$38 effective June 1, 2017.

Cost of Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) to Increase

Effective June 1, 2017, the cost of an Interactive Practice Test (IPT) will increase from \$15 to \$18.

Test Center Procedures

Be sure to remind your educators to check the GACE website at www.gace.ets.org/test_day/procedures regarding test center procedures and regulations before the day of the test.