



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, **September 3**.
- Registration and Submission Window for PASL Fall submission window begins on **July 25**.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

2018–19 GACE Registration Bulletin and Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs

The 2018–19 GACE *Registration Bulletin* and *Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs* is now available on the GACE website. The effective date for these documents is September 1, 2018, through August 31, 2019. The 2017–18 *Registration Bulletin* and *Bulletin Supplement* will remain posted until September 1 when the new testing year begins.

2018–19 Testing Windows, Registration Deadlines, and Score Reporting Dates

Testing windows, registration deadlines, and score reporting dates for the 2018–19 testing year have been posted on the GACE website. See Test Centers and Dates at www.gace.ets.org/register/centers_dates. The 2017–18 dates will remain posted until September 1 when the new testing year begins.

New Educational Leadership Standards

New Educational Leadership standards went into effect in mid July 2018. See the [new standards](#) on the GaPSC website.

A new GACE Educational Leadership (Tier 1) assessment is under development and will align closely with these new standards.

Changes to American Sign Language Certification Requirements

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) is making a change to the assessments required for certification in American Sign Language. Test I (150) of the GACE American Sign Language assessment, which is multiple choice, will no longer be required. Test II (151), which is performance based, is being replaced with a similar assessment — the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (250). The state-approved educator preparation standards have not changed. ASLPI will be delivered and evaluated by ASL Diagnostic and Evaluation Services of Gallaudet University. This assessment will be the only one required for certification.

The ASLPI is a holistic language evaluation used to determine global ASL proficiency. The basic precept in this type of evaluation is to find out through an interview what an individual can do with the target language at a given point in time.

The ASLPI is a 20–25-minute video-recorded interactive dialogue between the examinee and the interviewer. The interview is rated by a team of evaluators, and examinees are awarded an overall proficiency level on a 0–5 rating scale. Gallaudet University will assist candidates in scheduling the interview via videophone at one or more locations in Georgia. See the [ASLPI website](#) for additional information about the assessment.

Primary Language Is Not English (PLNE) Accommodations

Beginning with the 2018–19 testing year, test takers whose primary language is not English (PLNE) may request PLNE accommodations. Test takers who are approved will be allowed 50 percent extended testing time. PLNE accommodations are available at all established test centers.

This service does not apply to individuals taking any of the GACE language tests, or if their first language is American Sign Language.

Information about how to apply for PLNE accommodations is available in the GACE *Registration Bulletin* and on the GACE website.

PREPARING TEACHER CANDIDATES

Study Companion Updates

The following Study Companions have been updated to reflect the increase in testing time and number of questions when these assessments move to continuous testing in September.

- Middle Grades Reading (012)
- Middle Grades Social Science (015)

These updated study companions, along with the study companion for the new Computer Science assessment (555) will be posted in August 2018.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

Fall 2018 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	July 25, 2018 – October 29, 2018
Submission Window	July 25, 2018 – November 7, 2018

Fall 2018 Resubmission Registration and Resubmission Window

Registration	December 5, 2018 – December 26, 2018
Resubmission Window	December 5, 2018 – December 27, 2018

TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Scores Released for Spring 2018 Submission Window

Scores for the Spring 2018 submission window were released on **June 12, 2018**. Official score reports are 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. A [sample score report](#) is available on the GACE website.

Fall 2018 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	April 9, 2018 – December 14, 2018
Submission Window	May 20, 2018 – December 28, 2018

Spring 2019 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	December 3, 2018 – April 12, 2019
Submission Window	January 14, 2019 – April 26, 2019

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.

Resubmitting Tasks

Test takers who do not pass the assessment are allowed to resubmit any task that received a score of 5 or lower or Nonscorable. Scored tasks that received scores of 6 and above cannot be resubmitted. There is a \$75 resubmission fee for each task that is resubmitted.

Test takers must resubmit tasks and pass the assessment in the next two submission windows after their initial submission. If they do not do so within that time, they will have to pay another registration fee and take the assessment all over again.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Personal Items

Personal items other than ID documents are not allowed in the testing room. This includes backpacks, phones, purses, tablets, PDAs, watches, and any other electronic, recording, listening, scanning, or photographic devices. Test takers may not access phones at any time for any reason, including during breaks.

They may also be required to remove their eyeglasses for close visual inspection. The inspection takes a few seconds and will be done at check-in and upon return from breaks. Jewelry is prohibited, except for wedding and engagement rings and small earrings, so other types of jewelry should not be worn to the test center.

Before the test, test administrators will advise test takers where to store personal items. Note that test centers and ETS assume no responsibility for personal items. See the GACE [Registration Bulletin](#) for more specific details about personal items in the testing room.

ID Documents

Test takers are responsible for bringing valid and acceptable identification each time they report to a test center. To be admitted to a test center, they must bring the correct documents and ensure that they are **up to date on the date of the test**. If the documents are expired, or the name on the documents doesn't match their MyPSC account, they will not be admitted. Documents presented on a cell phone or any other electronic device are not acceptable. Identification document requirements are outlined in the GACE *Registration Bulletin* and on the GACE website at gace.ets.org/test_day/id.