



Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators®



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 Thursday and Friday, November 21–22.
Registration for Fall 2019 Teacher Leadership Resubmission Window 1 ends on December 20.

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## PROGRAM UPDATES

### Admission Tickets

We have recently clarified language in the GACE *Registration Bulletin* and on the GACE website about admission tickets. Test takers are encouraged print an admission ticket for each test for which they are registered (except for the ASLPI and the Georgia Ethics, Paraprofessional, and Teacher Leadership assessments). The admission ticket contains information about the test center reporting time and reporting address. While test takers are not *required* to present an admission ticket at the test center on the day of the test; the test administrator may ask for it. **Test takers will be permitted to test without an admission ticket.**

### Assessments Move to Continuous Testing

As of September 1, the following assessments are offered on a continuous basis. Test takers will be able to see specific test date availability during the registration process.

- Biology
- Music
- Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education

### Redesigned Program Admission – Mathematics Test Launched September 1

The redesigned Program Admission – Mathematics test launched on September 1. The new test has a change in overall focus, with

- increased emphasis on Data Interpretation; Statistics and Probability as critical for teacher preparation; and
- reduced weight on Algebra and Geometry

For Geometry, the test also now includes a reference sheet that eliminates the need to measure recall of geometric formulas, which was judged less than critical for preparation.

A number of mathematical topics identified as less important for preparation were removed, such as

- identifying rational vs. irrational numbers
- solving problems with radicals
- working with functions
- solving problems involving three-dimensional figures (such as volume and surface area of a cone)

There are new test codes for all three Program Admission tests. The content for the Reading and Writing tests did not change.

- Reading Test Code 210 (formerly Test Code 200)
- Mathematics Test Code 211 (formerly Test Code 201)
- Writing Test Code 212 (formerly Test Code 202)

### September Program Admission Score Reporting Delayed

Because the GACE® Program Admission – Mathematics test (211) has been revised, score reporting for those taking this test between September 1–30, 2019, will be a little later than usual. Scores will be reported on October 18, 2019.

### Educational Leadership Assessment

A revised Educational Leadership assessment is scheduled to be offered in October of 2020. Changes reflect the updated GaPSC Educational Leadership Standards and the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) Standards.

The number of subareas will be increasing from six to seven. Subarea II will be split into two separate subareas and expanded to include Equity and Cultural Responsiveness. The percentages of content covered by each subarea will also change.

As in Subarea II, Part B of the constructed-response section will be split into two separate content areas. Part E Professionalism and Ethics was removed because the state advisory committee felt that this was being covered in the Georgia Ethics assessment that educators are required to take.

Subareas in 2020		Approximate Percentage of the Test
I.	Educational Vision	13%
II.	School Culture, Equity, and Cultural Responsiveness	13%
III.	Curriculum and Instruction	14%
IV.	Managing the Organization, Operations, and Resources	13%
V.	Collaborating with Stakeholders	11%
VI.	Professionalism and Ethics	11%
VII.	Integrated Knowledge and Understanding A. Educational Vision B. School Culture, Equity, and Cultural Responsiveness C. Curriculum and Instruction D. Collaborating and Communicating with Stakeholders	25%

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## PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT

### Confidentiality Statement and Confidentiality Agreement

At each Paraprofessional assessment administration, test takers are required to sign a Confidentiality Statement and test administrators are required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. **It is no longer necessary to mail in or fax these forms to ETS.** Administrators are now required to retain these forms for a period of eight weeks following the test date. After that time, the forms can be destroyed.

### Join Our Testing Network

The GACE Paraprofessional testing network is **recruiting!** We need additional public test sites in the Atlanta Metro area. Our objective is to provide potential paraprofessionals with ample opportunities and locations to take the assessment, and we hope that you will assist us in reaching this goal. School districts, Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs), Educational Technology Training Centers (ETTCs), technical colleges, and many other agencies are currently administering the assessment. Please consider administering the GACE Paraprofessional assessment in collaboration with ETS and/or suggesting other nearby schools or locations that may be able to participate.

See the [GACE Paraprofessional Test Administrators website](#) for information about the assessment, technical requirements, and basic information needed by test administrators to successfully prepare for, and administer, this assessment. ETS will reimburse participating school districts, RESAs, ETTCs, and other agencies \$10 per examinee tested each quarter. So if you meet the technical requirements and would like to administer the GACE Paraprofessional assessment, please complete the [online application](#) today! We look forward to working with you.

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## PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

### Fall 2019 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	August 5, 2019 – October 25, 2019
Submission Window	September 3, 2019 – October 31, 2019*

\*All tasks are due by 2 p.m. ET on this date.

### Fall 2019 Score Reporting Dates

All Tasks and Overall Assessment Scores	November 27, 2019
Resubmission Scores	January 10, 2020

### Fall 2019 Resubmission Registration and Task Resubmission Deadline

Resubmission Registration	November 27, 2019 – December 16, 2019
Task Resubmission Deadline	December 18, 2019*

\*All tasks are due by 2 p.m. ET on this date.

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## PREPARING PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

### Khan Academy® Online Prep

Khan Academy® Official *Praxis*® Core Prep is now available. This free, online prep resource includes diagnostic tests, instructional videos, interactive practice tests and study plans that can help test takers prepare for the GACE Program Admission assessment.

The *Praxis* Core and the GACE Program Admission assessments are **virtually identical**, so using this resource for diagnostic purposes, studying, and practice can be extremely helpful in preparing to take the GACE Program Admission assessment. Encourage your test takers to create their free [account](#) today!

### Tips for GACE Test Takers Using Khan Academy Online Prep

Because the Khan Academy online prep was created for the *Praxis* Core assessment, some functions are not relevant for GACE (e.g., selection of official test dates, choice of where scores will be reported). Khan also does not yet provide support for GACE's Program Admission assessment's grading scale. A conversion to the GACE score scale of 100–300 will be available in October 2019.

In the meantime, GACE Program Admission test takers can pick the state of South Carolina for the Goal score section to serve as a threshold score to work toward. The cut scores adopted across the three tests by South Carolina are close to those recommended by Georgia based on an evaluation of alignment between the two score scales. Additional tips to help GACE test takers use this resource can be found on the Program Admission assessment test preparation page at [gace.ets.org/prepare/materials/700](http://gace.ets.org/prepare/materials/700).

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## TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

### Fall 2019 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	August 2, 2019 – October 25, 2019
Submission Window	August 2, 2019 – November 1, 2019*

\*All tasks are due by 2 p.m. on this date.

## Fall 2019 Score Reporting Date

Submission Window	August 2, 2019 – November 1, 2019
Score Reporting Date	November 26, 2019

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.

## Spring 2020 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	August 2, 2019 – April 11, 2020
Submission Window	January 24, 2020 – April 17, 2020*

\*All tasks are due by 2 p.m. on this date.

## Rescheduling a Submission Window

Rescheduling a submission window can be done only 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 or all of the six tasks. There is a \$75 resubmission fee for each task that is resubmitted.

Test takers are allowed to resubmit two additional times to attempt to receive a passing score. Tasks may be resubmitted in the resubmission window immediately following the original submission window, or test takers may wait until the next window. The two-resubmission limit still applies. If they do not resubmit within this time frame, they will have to register and pay to retake the assessment.

## Spring 2019 (Test Code 313) Resubmission Window 2

Registration	August 2, 2019 – October 25, 2019
Resubmission Window	August 2, 2019 – November 1, 2019*

\* All tasks are due by 2 p.m. ET on this date.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### 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 exactly, 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](http://gace.ets.org/test_day/id).

### Personal Items in the Testing Room

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, photographic, or

wearable technology devices. Test takers may not access phones during breaks to check messages, make a call, or check the time.

They also may 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.