



Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators® (GACE®) Newsletter

The *GACE® Newsletter* is intended to be a resource for educators, Educator Preparation Program Providers, and School Districts to gain access to all the important information and changes happening in the GACE program. The *GACE® Newsletter* includes important dates, test and policy information, reminders about testing windows, and more. The latest GACE program information can always be found at www.gace.ets.org.

Upcoming/Important Dates:

- Program Admission Assessment (PAA) Composite Score Policy in effect July 1, 2021
- Registration for updated Educational Leadership Assessment (Test 311) begins July 12.
- Teacher Leadership Fall 2021 Submission Window Ends January 5, 2022.
- PASL Fall 2021 Submission Window Ends November 30, 2021.

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PROGRAM UPDATES

PAA Composite Scoring

Effective July 1, 2021, the GaPSC will accept a PAA composite score that allows a test taker to combine scores on all three tests within the PAA that meets or exceeds 750 to meet the PAA requirement. Therefore, a test taker can do well on one test(s) and less well on other test(s) within the PAA and potentially still satisfy the PAA requirement.

The following are important policy points regarding PAA Composite Scoring:

- The test taker may use scores from different administrations of the GACE PAA to reach the minimum 750 composite score, including scores from each of the three tests across different administrations, as well as retake scores. It's important to note only PAA tests administered by ETS may be used to meet the composite score requirement. Therefore, score reports dated prior to September 1, 2013, cannot be used to meet PAA requirements.
- This composite score policy only applies to the PAA.
- PAA score reports sent from ETS will not reflect composite scoring.

GaPSC will determine if the PAA requirement was satisfied via the composite score. The test taker's certification record will reflect the PAA requirement has been met. As with all preparation program admission requirements, it is up to the individual program provider as to if the PAA composite score will be accepted for admission.

Click the following link <https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/BasicSkillsInfo.aspx> to review the full policy.

GACE® Educational Leadership Updated

The GACE Educational Leadership assessment has been updated, and the changes became effective July 1, 2021, with the first administration of the updated assessment this August 2021. As with all GACE assessments, GaSPC convened a diverse and representative Georgia Test Development Committee, Bias Review Committee, and Standard Setting Committee to inform the process.

While the name of the assessment remains the same, the test code will change from 301 to 311. The testing time does not change and will remain at three hours as the number of selected response questions (100), and the number of constructed response items (4) remain the same as the previous version.

The changes were necessary to align the test specifications to the *GaPSC Educational Leadership Standards* and the *Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) Standards*. More specifically, School Culture and Instructional Program was split into two subareas for both the Selected Response questions, as well as the Constructed Response questions. Those two subareas are now:

- School Culture, Equity, and Cultural Responsiveness, and
- Curriculum and Instruction

A more complete review of the new GACE Ed Leadership test can be found at: [GACE Educational Leadership](#).

2021/2022 Testing Window Available at GACE® 2021-22 Testing Windows

This link provides important information about the testing windows and score reporting dates for each test so candidates can select the testing window that best supports their schedule.

[2021/2022 Testing Windows](#)

GACE® Testing During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

ETS will continue to monitor and provide the most up-to-date information on test site availability and safety protocols. Information about the status of test centers is available at https://www.gace.ets.org/register/centers_dates.

When testing centers close due to COVID-19, or for any other reason, ETS contacts impacted test takers as soon as possible. The nature of this outreach varies, depending on the circumstances. Here are a few examples of the procedures and outreach:

- Testing centers that announce closures in advance of scheduled test administrations: ETS’s customer service team alerts affected test takers via email. The communication explains that a special link has been placed in their online GACE account, enabling them to reschedule the test for free
- Testing centers that announce closures near to the time of a scheduled test administration: ETS’s customer service team calls affected test takers, notifying them of the closure and helping them to reschedule the test for free.

Occasionally, ETS learns of a test center closure after the scheduled test administration begins. In these cases, affected test takers typically call ETS before they are notified. Once ETS learns of the closure, we immediately email information and instructions for using the special, free reschedule link.

Taking the PAA at Home

This PAA at Home option made available to meet the needs of test takers who prefer or are unable to take the GACE PAA at a test center will remain an option for candidates for the foreseeable future. The “at home” assessment is identical in content, format, and on-screen experience to the GACE PAA taken at a test center. With the at home testing option, test takers use their own computer, and the test is monitored by a human proctor online through ProctorU®. “At home” testing is currently available 10 a.m.–1 a.m. ET, seven days a week, to address the scheduling needs of test takers. To learn more about this at home option, please visit [PAA At Home](#) for additional information.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

Registration and Task Submission Dates

Fall 2021 schedule

Deadline	Date
Registration opens	July 19, 2021
Registration closes	November 16, 2021
Reschedule deadline	November 16, 2021
Cancellation deadline	November 16, 2021
Task submission opens	September 1, 2021
Task submission deadline	November 30, 2021
Resubmission registration opens	December 30, 2021
Resubmission registration closes	January 13, 2022
Resubmission deadline	January 20, 2022*

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

Spring 2022 schedule

Deadline	Date
Registration opens	July 19, 2021
Registration closes	April 5, 2022
Reschedule deadline	April 5, 2022
Cancellation deadline	April 5, 2022
Task submission opens	January 4, 2022
Task submission deadline	April 19, 2022
Resubmission registration opens	May 17, 2022
Resubmission registration closes	May 31, 2022
Resubmission deadline	June 6, 2022

PASL Virtual Learning Environment – To support programs and candidates in completing the PASL assessment through a virtual learning environment (VLE), ETS has created support materials and information to help ensure candidate success. These resources may be accessed at [PASL VLE](#).

GACE TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

GACE TEACHER LEADERSHIP 2021/2022 Academic Year	Important Dates
SPRING 2021 RESUBMISSION 2	
GACE TL Resubmission Registration Open	July 12, 2021
GACE TL Resubmission Submission Open	September 1, 2021
GACE TL Resubmission Registration Close	October 20, 2021
GACE TL Resubmission Task Deadline 2 p.m. ET	November 2, 2021
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to Candidates	December 14, 2021
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to EPPs & GAPSC	December 14, 2021
FALL 2021 ORIGINAL	
GACE TL Registration Open	July 12, 2021
GACE TL Submission System Open	September 1, 2021
GACE TL Registration/Reschedule/Cancellation Deadline	October 20, 2021
GACE TL Task Deadline 2 p.m. ET	November 2, 2021
GACE TL Scores to Candidates	December 14, 2021
GACE TL Scores to EPPs & GAPSC	December 14, 2021
FALL 2021 RESUBMISSION 1	
GACE TL Resubmission Registration and Submission Open	December 14, 2021
GACE TL Resubmission Registration Close	December 29, 2021
GACE TL Resubmission Task Deadline 2 p.m. ET	January 5, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to Candidates	January 28, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to EPPs & GAPSC	January 28, 2022
FALL 2021 RESUBMISSION 2	
GACE TL Resubmission Registration and Submission Open	January 28, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Registration Close	March 3, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Task Deadline 2 p.m. ET	March 17, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to Candidates	April 29, 2022

GACE TL Resubmission Scores to EPPs & GAPSC	April 29, 2022
SPRING 2022 ORIGINAL	
GACE TL Registration Open	July 12, 2021
GACE TL Submission System Open	January 4, 2022
GACE TL Registration/Reschedule/Cancellation Deadline	March 3, 2022
GACE TL Task Deadline 2 p.m. ET	March 17, 2022
GACE TL Scores to Candidates	April 29, 2022
GACE TL Scores to EPPs & GAPSC	April 29, 2022
SPRING 2022 RESUBMISSION 1	
GACE TL Resubmission Registration and Submission Open	April 29, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Registration Close	May 13, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Task Deadline 2 p.m. ET	May 20, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to Candidates	June 10, 2022
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to EPPs & GAPSC	June 10, 2022
SPRING 2022 RESUBMISSION 2	
GACE TL Resubmission Registration Open	TBD
GACE TL Resubmission Registration Close	TBD
GACE TL Resubmission Submission Open	TBD
GACE TL Resubmission Task Deadline 2 p.m. ET	TBD
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to Candidates	TBD
GACE TL Resubmission Scores to EPPs & GAPSC	TBD

Rescheduling a Submission Window

Test takers can reschedule the PASL or TL assessment in the same submission window if registration is still open, or in the next submission window when that registration opens. Note that the registration window closes earlier than the submission window. Changing a submission window incurs a \$50 rescheduling fee.

Resubmitting Tasks

Test takers who do not pass the assessment may resubmit any or all the six tasks. There is a \$75 resubmission fee for each task that is resubmitted. Test takers may resubmit twice 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. In either case, a two-resubmission limit applies. If test takers do not resubmit within this timeframe, they will have to register and pay to retake the assessment.

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

Online Preparation Materials

To assist with GACE Program Admission Assessment preparation, the Khan Academy® Official *Praxis*® Core Prep is available at www.khanacademy.org/prep/praxis-core. This is a free, online prep resource includes diagnostic tests, instructional videos, interactive practice tests and study plans.

Candidates Requesting Testing Accommodations

ETS is committed to serving test takers with disabilities or health-related needs by providing accommodations that are reasonable and appropriate given the purpose of the test. Testing accommodations are available for test takers who meet the requirements

NOTE: It is important that those seeking testing accommodations apply as early as possible and submit complete documentation. The approval process, once all appropriate documentation submitted, is approximately 6-8 weeks.

More information about the testing accommodations request is available at:

<https://www.gace.ets.org/register/accommodations>

ETS customer service hours and contact information is available at <https://gace.ets.org/contact>.