



GaPSC Guidance for EPPs Conditionally Admitting Candidates Impacted by COVID-19 Disruptions

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The following guidance is provided to GaPSC-approved EPPs conditionally admitting candidates to initial preparation programs for Summer or Fall 2020. Conditionally admitted candidates are those who have not met all testing requirements due to the inability to test or re-test during COVID-19 testing site closures. This guidance is not intended to replace the PAA Limited Flexibility Exemption option.

1. EPPs are encouraged to require conditionally admitted candidates to test, or re-test if applicable, as soon as possible. The *GACE PAA at Home*, expected to be available by mid-May, will provide additional testing opportunities. See www.gace.ets.org for more information.
2. EPPs are also encouraged to provide remediation to candidates who have attempted the GACE PAA and not passed all tests within the assessment. Remediation may take a variety of forms such as a required course, tutoring, required use of resources and tools provided by a writing center, and/or the free Khan Academy resources, available [here](#).

Our recommendation is that EPPs require candidates who have attempted but not passed all parts of the GACE PAA create a Khan Academy account, complete a practice test, and use the resulting diagnostic report as a preparation guide. Based on anecdotal reports, most candidates who have successfully completed all Khan Academy recommended modules have been successful on subsequent GACE PAA attempts.

3. EPPs might also consider developing a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement or contract for use with conditionally admitted candidates. MOU/As or contracts should specify:
 - a. What conditional admission means for the candidate;
 - b. What conditions must be met by the candidate and when they must be met for full (unconditional) admission; and
 - c. What will happen if these conditions are not met.

Suggested MOU/A or contract components include:

- a. A signed acknowledgement that the candidate understands s/he is conditionally admitted, all requirements/expectations, and the consequences for not meeting them;
- b. Remediation requirements;
- c. A date by which all missing or failed tests must be attempted;
- d. A date by which all tests must be passed;
- e. Consequences for not meeting remediation or testing requirements;
- f. Program dismissal implications (i.e. the candidate will be transferred to a non-certification program); and
- g. Any applicable tuition implications.