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 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.

Important Dates:

- Registration for the Teacher Leadership Fall 2020 Submission Window Ends **October 19th.**
- Registration for the PASL assessment Fall 2020 Submission Window Ends **October 19th**.

- Read past issues of the GACE *Newsletter*.
- Subscribe to the GACE *Newsletter*.

PROGRAM UPDATES

GACE® Testing Windows are available at *GACE®2020-21 Testing Windows*
Contains important information about the testing windows for each test and the score reporting dates so candidates can select the testing window that best supports their schedule.

GACE® Registration Quick-reference Guide
Encourage your candidates to review this guide before they register for their test, so they know how to create their MY GACE account, understand the registration process, and know the information they must have to be able to register. Candidates can view the *GACE® Registration Quick-reference Guide (PDF)* on the GACE website.

GACE Testing During Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak
Due to health and safety concerns for test takers and test center staff stemming from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we continue to monitor and provide the most up-to-date information on test site availability and safety protocols. Please visit the Important Updates on the GACE website for the latest information.

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 couple of examples of the procedures and outreach.

- **Testing centers that announce closures in advance of scheduled test administrations:** ETS customer service team alerts impacted test takers via email. The message instructs test takers that a special link has been placed in their online GACE account that will enable them to reschedule the test for free.
- **Testing centers that announce closures near to the time of a scheduled test administration:** ETS customer service team calls impacted test takers to notify them of the closure and to help them to reschedule the test for free.

Taking the GACE Program Admission Assessment at Home
To meet the needs of students who are unable to take the GACE Program Admission Assessment (PAA) at a test center due to public health concerns, ETS is offering an at home testing option. 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 at home and the testing experience 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.

PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT

Join Our Testing Network
The GACE Paraprofessional testing network is **recruiting**! We need additional public test sites in the Atlanta Metro area at P-12 school districts and schools, Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs), Educational Technology Training Centers (ETTCs), and technical colleges. Please consider administering the GACE Paraprofessional assessment in collaboration with ETS and/or suggest 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. If you meet the technical requirements and want to administer the GACE Paraprofessional assessment, please complete the online application today! We look forward to working with you.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

Fall 2020 Schedule

Deadline	Date
Registration Opens	August 4, 2020
Registration Closes	October 19, 2020
Reschedule Deadline	October 19, 2020
Cancellation Deadline	October 19, 2020
Task Submission Opens	September 1, 2020
Task Submission Deadline	October 28, 2020*
Resubmission Registration Opens	November 25, 2020
Resubmission Registration Closes	December 9, 2020
Task Resubmission Deadline	December 16, 2020*

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

PASL Virtual Learning Environment

To support programs and candidates in completing the PASL assessment through a virtual learning environment (VLE) this year, ETS has created support materials and information to ensure candidate success. These resources may be accessed at PASL VLE.

GACE TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Fall 2020 Registration and Task Submission Window

Registration	April 3, 2020 – October 19, 2020
Submission Window	August 3, 2020 – October 27, 2020*

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

Rescheduling a Submission Window

Test takers can reschedule 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.

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 can resubmit any or all the six tasks. There is a $75 resubmission fee for each task that is resubmitted.

Test takers can 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, the two-resubmission limit applies. If they do not resubmit within this time frame, they will have to register and pay to retake the assessment.

Spring 2020 Task Resubmission Window 1

Registration	November 23, 2020 – December 14, 2020
Resubmission Window	November 23, 2020 – December 21, 2020*

Spring 2020 Task Resubmission Window 2

Registration	January 22, 2021 – March 11, 2021
Resubmission Window	January 22, 2021 – March 18, 2021*

Fall 2020 Task Resubmission Window 1

Registration	November 23, 2020 – December 14, 2020
Resubmission Window	November 23, 2020 – December 21, 2020*

Fall 2020 Task Resubmission Window 2

Registration	January 22, 2021 – March 11, 2021
Resubmission Window	January 22, 2021 – March 18, 2021*

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

Virtual Learning Environment
To support programs and candidates that will be completing the GACE Teacher Leadership Assessment through a virtual learning environment (VLE) this year, ETS has created support materials and information to ensure candidate success. These resources may be accessed at TL VLE.

See also: Preparation Information
See also: Task Requirements, Rubrics, Support Webinars, and other preparation tools

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PAA Online Preparation Materials are available.

Khan Academy® Official *Praxis*® Core Prep is available at www.khanacademy.org/prep/praxis-core. This free, online prep resource includes diagnostic tests, instructional videos, interactive practice tests and study plans to help test takers prepare for the GACE Program Admission Assessment.

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