



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, **July 3** and Tuesday, **July 4**
- Registration for spring Teacher Leadership Submission Window opens on **June 13**

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PROGRAM UPDATES

2017–18 GACE Registration Bulletin and Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs

The 2017–18 GACE *Registration Bulletin* and *Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-related Needs* will be posted on the GACE website on July 17, 2017. The effective date for these documents will be September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018.

2017–18 GACE Testing Windows, Registration Deadlines, and Score Reporting Dates

Testing windows, registration deadlines and score reporting dates for the 2017–18 testing year will be posted on the GACE website on July 17, 2017. See Test Centers and Dates at www.gace.ets.org/register/centers_dates.

Requesting Accommodations Online

Beginning with the 2017–18 testing year, test takers can submit accommodations requests and view approved accommodations and scheduled test registrations through their ETS GACE testing account. In addition, if they are approved for certain testing accommodations (extended time, extra breaks, screen magnification, selectable background and foreground colors) they can also self-schedule online through their ETS GACE testing account. Test takers approved for accommodations other than the four listed above cannot schedule online; however, they will be able to indicate their preferred test date and location online.

Assessments Moving to Continuous Testing

The assessments listed below will be added to those offered on a continuous basis instead of in specified testing windows beginning with the 2017–18 testing year. While there are many test dates available in testing windows, continuous testing offers more flexibility in choosing a test date. Test takers can determine specific date availability during the registration process.

- Early Childhood Special Education General Curriculum
- Health and Physical Education
- History
- Science
- Special Education Adapted Curriculum

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

Launch Date for the Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL)

The Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL) is scheduled to launch in spring 2018. Candidates will be required to take the assessment prior to completion of their Tier II preparation program. The assessment will be administered twice per year (spring and fall) during pre-established submission windows. Candidates completing Tier II programs in spring and summer of 2018 will need to register for the spring administration.

For more information about the PASL, see [PASL Information for Test Takers](#) and [PASL Information for Educator Programs](#).

PREPARING TEACHER CANDIDATES

Teacher Leadership Deep Dive Webinar

The Teacher Leadership Deep Dive webinar is available under Resources in the Teacher Leadership section of the GACE website at www.gace.ets.org/teacher_leadership/resources. Presented in three parts, this webinar helps candidates taking the Teacher Leadership assessment better understand the focus of the tasks, the main components of the tasks, and the evidence needed to successfully create responses.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Fall 2017 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	July 16, 2016 – December 15, 2017
Submission Window	May 22, 2017 – December 29, 2017

Spring 2018 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	June 13, 2017 – April 13, 2018
Submission Window	January 22, 2018 – April 27, 2018

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Eligibility to Test

If candidates are enrolled in or seeking admission to a Georgia state-approved educator preparation program, they must be approved to test by their program provider in order to take a GACE assessment for Georgia certification. If they have a different reason for testing, the GaPSC will provide approval to test through their MyPSC account. See Reasons for Testing on the GACE website at www.gace.ets.org/register/steps/reasons_for_testing for more information.