



## 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](http://www.gace.ets.org).

### Upcoming/Important Dates:

- PASL fall registration closes on **October 29**.
- ETS offices will be closed on **November 22–23**.

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## PROGRAM UPDATES

### Assessments Move to Continuous Testing

The following assessments moved to continuous testing in September. Specific test-date availability can be found in the ETS GACE online registration system. If test takers register by phone, available test dates will be provided to them.

- English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Middle Grades Reading
- Middle Grades Social Science
- School Counseling

Testing time for Middle Grades Reading and Middle Grades Social Science increased by 10 minutes for Test I and Test II, and 20 minutes for the combined test. Testing time for the other two assessments remains the same.

### New Computer Science Assessment Launches in October

The shift to the new Computer Science assessment (Test Code 555) will take place beginning with test administrations in October 2018. Testing windows for this new assessment are available on the GACE website and in the 2018–19 GACE *Registration Bulletin*.

Candidates taking the new assessment can download a Study Companion and *Test at a Glance* from the [Test Prep Materials section](#) of the GACE website.

### 2018 Georgia EPP Satisfaction Survey

An online survey was conducted this spring with the objective to measure EPP satisfaction on a number of key points (e.g., Overall Satisfaction with ETS, Responsiveness to Issues, Satisfaction with Services Provided to Test Takers, ETS Responsiveness to EPP Inquiries). A 10-point scale was used for rating, with 1 being not satisfied at all and 10 being very satisfied. This year, all key metrics were at or above the 8.0 threshold for satisfaction.

The survey indicated that overall satisfaction with services provided to test takers increased in 2018, driven by increasing satisfaction with test registration and the number of test centers. Three out of four EPPs responding indicated that they are satisfied with their relationship with ETS and would be likely to recommend ETS to a colleague. Results also indicated that ETS service is valued by EPPs for being responsive and providing quality customer service.

ETS would like to thank all of the participating EPPs — we appreciate their support and feedback!

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## PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT

### Join Our Testing Network

The GACE Paraprofessional testing network is **recruiting!** We are in need of 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 in the near future.

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## PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

### Fall 2018 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	July 25, 2018 – October 29, 2018
Submission Window	July 25, 2018 – November 7, 2018

### Fall 2018 Resubmission Registration and Resubmission Window

Registration	December 5, 2018 – December 26, 2018
Resubmission Window	December 5, 2018 – December 27, 2018

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## PREPARING TEACHER CANDIDATES

### GACE Study Companions and Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs)

Study companions can be downloaded for free from the [Test Preparation Resources](#) section of the GACE website. There is a study companion available for every GACE assessment, with the exception of the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI), the GACE Teacher Leadership assessment, and the Georgia Ethics assessments. Each study companion includes the content specifications for all tests in the assessment, a detailed test description, and sample questions with answers and rationales.

Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) are available for nearly all test titles and can be purchased through the [ETS Store](#). Each IPT is a practice test that allows the user to answer **one set of test questions** to simulate the test-day experience. It is approximately the same length as the actual test; however, the questions in the IPT are sample questions and do not appear on the actual test. IPTs are designed to familiarize test takers with the navigation of the test and the types of questions that could be encountered. After completing the IPT, users can see if they answered the questions correctly or incorrectly and get explanations for the correct answers. Some IPTs also include practice constructed-response questions. Feedback is not provided for constructed-response questions.

### Computer Science Interactive Practice Test (IPT)

An Interactive Practice Test (IPT) for the new Computer Science Assessment (555) is now available for purchase in the [ETS Store](#) for \$18. IPTs can be purchased at the time of registration, or at any time, through the store. There is also an [order form for program providers](#) to purchase bulk orders of IPTs when an electronic form of payment is not available and payment is being made by check or purchase order. All orders purchased with credit cards must go through the ETS Store.

Candidates taking the new assessment can also download an updated Study Companion and *Test at a Glance* from the [Test Prep Materials section](#) of the GACE website.

### Study Companion Updates

The following updated Study Companions are now available in the [Test Prep Materials section](#) of the GACE website.

- Computer Science (555)
- Middle Grades Reading (012)
- Middle Grades Social Science (015)

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## TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

### Fall 2018 Registration and Submission Window

Registration	April 9, 2018 – December 14, 2018
Submission Window	May 20, 2018 – December 28, 2018

### Fall 2018 Score Reporting Date

Scores for the Fall 2018 submission window will be released on **February 12, 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.

### 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.

### Resubmitting Tasks

Test takers who do not pass the assessment are allowed to resubmit any task that received a score of 5 or lower or Non-scorable. Scored tasks that received scores of 6 and above cannot be resubmitted. There is a \$75 resubmission fee for each task that is resubmitted.

Test takers must resubmit tasks and pass the assessment in the next two submission windows after their initial submission. If they do not do so within that time, they will have to pay another registration fee and take the assessment all over again.

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Disability Accommodations

Test takers who wish to apply for testing accommodations can do the following through their ETS GACE testing account:

- submit accommodations requests
- view approved accommodations
- self-schedule (if approved for extended time, extra breaks, screen magnification, and/or selectable background and foreground colors)\*
- view scheduled test registrations

\* 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.

### Primary Language Is Not English (PLNE) Accommodations

Beginning with the 2018–19 testing year, test takers whose Primary Language is Not English (PLNE) may request PLNE accommodations. Test takers who are approved will be allowed 50 percent extended testing time. PLNE accommodations are available at all established test centers. See information about [how to apply for PLNE accommodations](#).

This service does not apply to individuals taking any of the GACE language tests, or if their first language is American Sign Language.