



Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators®



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:

- Registration for Teacher Leadership Spring 2020 Submission Window Ends April 11.
Registration for PASL assessment Spring 2020 Submission Window Extended to May 11.

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## PROGRAM UPDATES

### 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, the GACE® program will offer the following options:

- Waived fees for test rescheduling, if necessary. The waived fee for test rescheduling applies to situations in which the test center at which the test taker is registered to test is closed or to situations where the test taker doesn't feel comfortable testing at a test center at this time. If the latter is the case, the test taker should contact ETS Customer Service at 1-855-225-7178 or email [gace\\_inquiries@ets.org](mailto:gace_inquiries@ets.org) to reschedule. Test center closures are updated daily on the GACE website.
- Deadlines for candidates registered for the Spring administration of the Teacher Leadership assessment (Test Code 313) who have not submitted all required tasks by the April 17 deadline will be extended and will follow the Fall administration deadlines. Resubmissions by candidates who meet the April 17 deadline must follow the Fall administration deadlines for resubmission. Deadlines for the Fall administration will be posted to the GACE website in the next few days. Candidates whose non-renewable Teacher Leadership Certificate expires on June 30, 2020, who have not yet passed the GACE Teacher Leadership Performance-based assessment, will have their non-renewable Teacher Leadership upgrade extended until June 30, 2021

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

- **Testing centers that announce closures in advance of scheduled test administrations:** Our customer service team sends an alert to impacted test takers via email. This notification instructs test takers that a special link has been placed on their online GACE account that will enable them to reschedule the test free of charge.
- **Testing centers that announce closures near to the time of a scheduled test administration:** Our customer service team makes phone calls to impacted test takers to notify them of the closure and to help them to reschedule the test free of charge.

Occasionally, we receive notification of a test center closure after the scheduled test administration begins. In these cases, impacted test takers typically call before our notification is received. Once notification is received by ETS, we immediately send an email with information and instructions for using the special free reschedule link.

### ETS New Jersey Offices

The New Jersey Governor has ordered that all non-essential businesses close their physical locations and move to remote operations where possible. Accordingly, ETS has moved almost all of its operations to a virtual work-from-home mode. This will impact our work in several ways:

- **Document Processing:** Our document processing services will be impacted. We are unable to process any requests received by mail, although most of our registrations and other communications and requests are received online. For any item we receive by mail, we will process the documentation as soon as our New Jersey offices are able to fully staff physical locations.
- **Services for Students with Disabilities:** Our New Jersey warehouse will temporarily be unable to ship or process test shipments for candidates requiring paper-based accommodations. GACE currently does not have any pending requests for paper-based accommodations. ETS staff continue to work remotely, therefore any candidates requesting accommodations are encouraged to submit all requests and supporting documents electronically via the web-based registration system. Mailed documents cannot be processed at this time. Messages outlining these changes have been posted to the GACE website.
- **Customer Service:** Our call centers will continue to operate with all of our representatives working from home. Overall, inquiries continue to remain high, so responses are taking longer than usual. We apologize in advance for any delay.

- **Scoring and Reporting Services:** There is no impact to our scoring and reporting timelines for candidates who do not request paper-based accommodations.

### Computer-delivered Testing Demonstration Video

The GACE Computer-delivered Testing Demonstration video currently is being revised and will appear on the GACE website in Spring 2020.

## PARAPROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT

### Join Our Testing Network

The GACE Paraprofessional testing network is **recruiting!** We need 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. 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.

## PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOL LEADERS (PASL)

### Registration and Task Submission Date Postponements

ETS continues to monitor the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, as well as state and federal responses. As your health and safety are always ETS's primary concern, we are announcing modifications to the Spring 2020 PASL assessment submission schedule. The new deadline dates are as follows:

- Registration deadline – May 11, 2020
- Task submission deadline – May 20, 2020 (at 2 p.m. ET)
- Resubmission registration deadline – July 1, 2020
- Resubmission Task submission deadline – July 8, 2020 (at 2 p.m. ET)

ETS is continuing to determine if additional action may be necessary as the situation evolves. Candidates who are unable to complete the assessment this spring will be eligible to receive a registration voucher that allows for the completion of the PASL assessment over the next academic year. Candidates should contact ETS between May 11 and May 15 at [ppa@ets.org](mailto:ppa@ets.org) or 1-855-628-5088 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET) once they have confirmed they will not be able to complete the assessment.

### Spring 2020 Registration and Task Submission Window

Registration	August 5, 2019 – May 11, 2020
Task Submission Window	January 3, 2020 – May 20, 2020*

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

### Spring 2020 Resubmission Registration and Task Resubmission Window

Registration	April 29, 2020 – July 1, 2020
Task Resubmission Window	April 29, 2020 – July 8, 2020*

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

## Spring 2020 Score Reporting Dates

Due to the postponement of task submission deadlines, we are announcing modifications to the Spring 2020 score reporting schedule. The new score reporting dates are as follows:

- Score reporting to candidates – June 17, 2020
- Resubmission score reporting to candidates – July 29, 2020.

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## TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

### Spring 2020 Registration and Task Submission Window

Registration	August 2, 2019 – April 11, 2020
Submission Window	January 24, 2020 – April 17, 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 are allowed to resubmit any or all of the six tasks. There is a \$75 resubmission fee for each task that is resubmitted.

Test takers are allowed to resubmit two additional times 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. The two-resubmissions limit still applies. If they do not resubmit within this time frame, they will have to register and pay to retake the assessment.

### Fall 2019 (Test Code 313) Task Resubmission Window 2

Registration	January 24, 2020 – April 11, 2020
Resubmission Window	January 24, 2020 – April 17, 2020*

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

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Online Preparation Materials

Khan Academy® Official *Praxis*® Core Prep is available at [www.khanacademy.org/prep/praxis-core](http://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.