



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:

- ETS Offices will be closed for President’s Day on Monday, February 17.
Registration for Teacher Leadership Spring 2020 Submission Window Ends March 27.

- Read past issues of the GACE Newsletter.
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PROGRAM UPDATES

Bias Review Meetings Held in November

Bias review meetings for the American Sign Language (ASL) and Educational Leadership assessments were held in Atlanta on November 5–6 and November 12–13, 2019, respectively. The purpose of a Bias Review Committee is to specifically examine each item intended for a test form to confirm that it measures the intended knowledge or skill without construct-irrelevant information or bias against any person or group. The committees were composed of educators from Georgia trained in *the ETS Guidelines for Fair Tests and Materials*.

Test Taker Satisfaction Survey

The 2019 Georgia Test Taker Satisfaction survey was conducted online from January – June 2019. A total of 2,175 test takers completed the survey. Overall satisfaction with the GACE assessments increased in 2019, with test-day experience earning the highest satisfaction threshold score (on a scale of 1.00 to 10.00).

Satisfaction with Aspects of Test Center Staff and Administration	2019	2018
The test started on time	9.26	9.21
The instructions given by the test center staff were clear and easy to understand	9.38	9.30
The amount of instructions on the day of the test was adequate	9.30	9.23
The test center staff was professional	9.33	9.20
The test center staff was able to answer any questions I had	9.34	9.21
The site was run efficiently by the test center staff	9.28	9.14
The test center staff was courteous	9.30	9.14

Some other areas that showed increases in satisfaction are:

- Registration Process: The availability of test dates and ease of registration
- Score Reporting Process: Ease of getting scores
- Website Experience: Nearly 94% of website users were able to find the information they needed
- Convenience of Test Center Locations: Test takers were able to successfully use the online test center search
- Customer Service: Online Chat continues to earn high satisfaction ratings

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)

Spring 2020 Registration and Task Submission Window

Registration	August 5, 2019 – March 27, 2020
Task Submission Window	January 3, 2020 – March 21, 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 – May 18, 2020
Task Resubmission Window	April 29, 2020 – May 20, 2020*

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

PREPARING PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

New Resources Added to Art Education Study Companion

The GACE Art Education Study Companion has been updated to include new resources for test takers. The updated version is available now and can be downloaded from the [Preparation Materials section](#) of the GACE website.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT

Test Code 303

The Original Format of the Teacher Leadership assessment (Test Code 303) is no longer being offered. Scores were reported on January 24, 2020, for the final task resubmissions of this format.

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Khan Academy® Online Preparation Materials

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.

Admission Tickets

Test takers are encouraged print an admission ticket for each test for which they are registered (except for the ASLPI and the Georgia Ethics, Paraprofessional, and Teacher Leadership assessments). The admission ticket contains information about the test center reporting time and reporting address. While test takers are not *required* to present an admission ticket at the test center on the day of the test; the test administrator may ask for it. **Test takers will be permitted to test without an admission ticket.0**