



GACE® Health Education Assessment

Test at a Glance

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Assessment Name	Health Education
Grade Level	P–12
Test Code	Test I: 113 Test II: 114 Combined Test I and Test II: 613
Testing Time	Test I: 2 hours Test II: 2 hours Combined Test I and Test II: 4 hours
Test Duration	Test I: 2.5 hours Test II: 2.5 hours Combined Test I and Test II: 5 hours
Test Format	Computer delivered
Number of Selected-response Questions	Test I: 100 Test II: 100 Combined Test I and Test II: 200
Question Format	The test consists of a variety of short-answer questions such as selected-response questions, where you select one answer choice or multiple answer choices (depending on what the question asks for), questions where you enter your answer in a text box, and other types of questions. You can review the possible question types in the <i>Guide to Taking a GACE Computer-delivered Test</i> .
Number of Constructed-response Questions	Test I: 0 Test II: 0 Combined Test I and Test II: 0

About this Assessment

The GACE Health Education assessment is designed to measure the professional knowledge of prospective teachers of Health and Physical Education in the state of Georgia.

The fifth edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-5) was published in May 2013 with revisions to the criteria for the diagnosis and classifications of mental disorders. In the interest of fairness, and to allow time for educator preparation programs to integrate such changes into their curricula, test materials for this assessment will continue to reference the terminology, criteria, and classifications referred to in the fourth edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV-TR) until further notice.

This assessment includes two tests. You may take either test individually or the full assessment in a single session. The testing time is the amount of time you will have to answer the questions on the test. Test duration includes time for tutorials and directional screens that may be included in the test. The questions in this assessment assess both basic knowledge across content areas and the ability to apply principles.

The total number of questions that are scored is typically smaller than the total number of questions on the test. Most tests that contain selected-response questions also include embedded pretest questions, which are not used in calculating your score. By including pretest questions in the assessment, ETS is able to analyze actual test-taker performance on proposed new questions and determine whether they should be included in future versions of the test.

Content Specifications

Each test in this assessment is organized into content **subareas**. Each subarea is further defined by a set of **objectives** and their **knowledge statements**.

- The objectives broadly define what an entry-level educator in this field in Georgia public schools should know and be able to do.
- The knowledge statements describe in greater detail the knowledge and skills eligible for testing.
- Some tests also include content material at the evidence level. This content serves as descriptors of what each knowledge statement encompasses.

See a breakdown of the subareas and objectives for the tests in this assessment on the following pages.

Test I Subareas

Subarea	Approx. Percentage of Test
I. Mental and Emotional Health/Sexual Health	70%
II. Safety and Injury Prevention	30%

Test I Objectives

Subarea I: Mental and Emotional Health/Sexual Health

Objective 1: Understands the issues related to mental and emotional health/sexual health

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Understands psychosocial development/emotional well-being
- B. Knows the causes/consequences of mental/emotional health issues
- C. Knows the consequences of risk-taking behaviors
- D. Understands stress management skills
- E. Knows how to identify factors that promote positive self-concept and self-esteem
- F. Understands factors affecting healthy and unhealthy relationships
- G. Understands strategies for coping with changes in families
- H. Understands the concepts of interpersonal communication
- I. Understands skills promoting healthy interactions
- J. Understands the functions of various types of interpersonal relationships
- K. Understands group dynamics
- L. Knows the social/cultural influences on communication
- M. Understands factors that affect decisions about dating
- N. Understands the causes of conflict among youth
- O. Knows the signs, symptoms, causes, and effects of self-destructive behavior

Objective 2: Understands the issues related to sexual health

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Knows the anatomy and physiology of the human reproductive system
- B. Understands the decision-making process and considerations related to family planning
- C. Knows the stages that occur during pregnancy and childbirth
- D. Knows the factors that influence sexual decisions
- E. Knows the causes of HIV and AIDS
- F. Knows the methods for preventing pregnancy, STDs, and HIV/AIDS

Subarea II: Safety and Injury Prevention

Objective 1: Understands the principles related to self-care

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Understands the causes and effects of weather emergencies
- B. Knows methods for promoting self care, safe behaviors, and injury prevention
- C. Knows appropriate ways to respond to accidents
- D. Understands threats to personal safety
- E. Knows the legislation, agencies, and policies that support community health

Objective 2: Understands issues related to community health

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Knows how to promote community health
- B. Knows the characteristics of safe and unsafe places for play, travel, and recreation
- C. Understands the causes, consequences, and prevention of different types of abuse and violence
- D. Understands common causes and effects of accidents

Test II Subareas

Subarea	Approx. Percentage of Test
I. Personal Health, Wellness, and Nutrition	40%
II. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs and Professional Issues	60%

Test II Objectives

Subarea I: Personal Health, Wellness, and Nutrition

Objective 1: Understands the principles of personal health and wellness

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Knows the concepts of personal hygiene
- B. Understands the concepts of anatomy and physiology and body system interrelationships
- C. Knows the patterns and stages of physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth and development
- D. Understands the various factors that affect physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth and development
- E. Knows how to describe disease etiology and prevention/treatment
- F. Understands the difference between communicable and non-communicable diseases
- G. Understands the role of the body's immune system

Objective 2: Understands the principles of nutrition

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Knows how to identify the functions and sources of nutrients
- B. Understands the components of *My Plate and Dietary Guidelines for Americans*
- C. Knows the components of a balanced diet
- D. Understands principles for planning nutritious meals
- E. Understands factors affecting food choices and eating habits
- F. Knows dietary disorders and health issues
- G. Knows how to evaluate diets relative to personal needs

Subarea II: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs and Professional Issues

Objective 1: Understands the issues related to the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Understands the effects of substance use and abuse
- B. Knows the appropriate uses of medicines
- C. Knows the classifications of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
- D. Understands the factors contributing to health risks associated with the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs
- E. Knows how the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs affects personal goals
- F. Understands how adolescent and teen drug use contributes to accidents, crime, suicide, mortality, and sexual activity
- G. Understands that alcohol, tobacco, and drug dependencies are treatable diseases
- H. Knows how to analyze alcohol, tobacco, and drug advertisements

Objective 2: Understands the professional issues related to health education

The beginning Health teacher:

- A. Knows the opportunities available for health education advocacy
- B. Understands how to implement curricular and extracurricular programs
- C. Understands the role of health educator as a liaison
- D. Understands the factors influencing the content of health education
- E. Knows how to locate and use valid sources of health information
- F. Knows how to recognize and use effective peer leadership, intervention, resistance, and refusal skills
- G. Understands goal-setting and decision making
- H. Understands risk factors and protective factors related to personal health and safety practices
- I. Knows the components of a coordinated school health program