

**Northwest Georgia Regional Educational Agency
The Georgia Teacher Academy For Preparation And Pedagogy (GaTAPPP)**

GATAPP BASIC OVERVIEW

The Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) is an alternative preparation program that leads to a renewable certification approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Time Frame: An 18-month program for MOST candidates; no more than three years from date of entry OR at least one academic school year (2 semesters that must include the beginning of a school year). **Non-GACE CTAE** candidates can complete the program in one year.

GaTAPP is Designed For Individuals Who:

- ❖ Wish to transition into teaching from another career path;
- ❖ **Have not completed a teacher education program**
- ❖ **Have never held a clear and renewable (professional) teaching certificate**

GATAPP PROGRAM ENTRY CHECKLIST:

- ✓ **SECURE A TEACHING POSITION** In the area you are seeking certification with a local school system. Candidates may not teach in a credit recovery lab or similar teaching assignment. **This program requires that you have a position as a teacher for at least 50% of the school day in order to be considered for the program. Check with your HR Department to complete GaTAPP packet & forward to mharris@nwgaresa.com.**
- ✓ **PROVIDE COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS – Have a degree from an accredited college or university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (GPAs 2.5 – 2.9 will be considered).** Mail OFFICIAL college transcripts to the address posted below or electronically to mharris@nwgaresa.com. (GaTAPP Coordinator will evaluate the official transcript).
- ✓ **MUST HAVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING** Pass the GACE Program Admission Assessment (or qualify for exemption with a passing score on the SAT or ACT). It is possible to exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment if you passed the SAT with a Combined score of 1000, Verbal and Quantitative **OR** ACT exemption: Combined 43 English and Math). Proof of scores need to be forwarded to NWGA RESA GaTAPP Coordinator sbandy@nwgaresa.com OR Admin. Asst. mharris@nwgaresa.com, Address is posted below.
- ✓ **TAKE & PASS the GACE 350 Ethics Assessment Modules** Register through your MyPSC account – this assessment can be taken on your own computer. Choose the Assessment tab in your MyPSC account to begin registration; then choose reason #7 - "I am taking the Program Entry level of the Georgia Educator Ethics or the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership assessment". **CHOOSE NorthWest GA RESA as a recipient of your scores.** The cost is \$30.00.
- ✓ **A MAJOR IN THE CONTENT AREA ALIGNED TO YOUR TEACHING POSITION OR** Pass the GACE content assessment aligned to your field. Certain pathways do not require that the Candidate take and pass the GACE Content Assessment before being admitted into the program. **Please note, the Candidate must pass this assessment before exiting the program.**
- ✓ **CREATE A MyPSC ACCOUNT AT WWW.GAPSC.COM:** be sure to complete all required fields or your account is inactive.



NWGa RESA GATAPP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND REQUIRED CLASSES AND PASS ASSESSMENTS & TASKS. Register for the Program and pay tuition prior to the first day of class by going to www.nwgaresa.com. *The Essentials of Effective Teaching Class*; ALL CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND. The next *Essentials of Effective Teaching* class is scheduled for **JULY 9TH – 20TH, 2018. Class Time: 9A – 4P.** Also, Candidates must attend Saturday Sessions, typically scheduled one Saturday a month from May – August.
 - **Required Classes & Assessments:**
Teaching of Reading (If applicable to certification)
HB671 Exceptional Child (Online)
Special Education Series (For SpEd Candidates)
 - **Pass the following assessments during enrollment:**
Passing Score on edTPA,
Passing score GACE 360 (Ethics Exit Assessment)
Passing score on GACE Content Assessment
Observations, Disposition Survey,
GaTAPP Portfolio (Evidence of 24 Competencies) evaluation results are at a proficient or distinguished level**
- **TAPP candidates are issued an Induction 4 certificate, effective for three years.** Once you have completed GaTAPP, the Induction 4 certificate will be reissued as an Induction 1 certificate. After three years in Induction (required for all new GA teachers), if all conditions are met, a new Professional Teaching certificate will be issued (to be renewed every 5 years).
- If you are a Special Education teacher, you will have additional coursework per special education requirements.
- Complete all online Canvas assignments and other assignments as assigned and pass edTPA.
- Candidates must maintain a disposition fitting a teacher whose conduct is professional, ethical and caring toward students, parents, and colleagues.
- Candidates should demonstrate the ability to complete technical writing and the ability to use technology both in and out of the classroom.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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