

Appendix: Georgia Teacher Licensure Requirements

Georgia-Specific Terminology

Ohio Term	Georgia Term
Resident Educator License	Induction Certificate
Intervention Specialist	Special Education
Primary Education	Elementary Education

Georgia Based Students-Specific Initial Teacher Licensure Program Admittance Requirements

Requirement	Bachelor of Science Degree Pathway	Post-Baccalaureate Pathway
Academic Requirements	Minimum 2.75 GPA for admittance to teacher preparation programs	- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university - Minimum 2.75 GPA in bachelor's degree coursework
Basic Skills Assessment	Successful completion of the following assessments of basic knowledge: Core Academic Skills for Educators: - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Reading (5713) - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Writing (5723) - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Mathematics (5733) OR - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE): Combined (5752)	
Educator Disposition Assessment	Complete the Educator Disposition Assessment	
Additional Requirements	- Complete Program Declaration Form - Submit Program Acknowledgement Form - Complete the Admittance and Licensure Overview Module - Complete and pass the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment	

Background Clearance	All students who need to obtain field experience hours for courses are required to have a Pre-Service Teaching Certificate in Georgia. The requirements to receive a Pre-Service Teacher Certificate are: • Pass the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment • Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) criminal record check
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Georgia Based Students-Specific Clinical Fieldwork Experience Requirements

Phase I: Clinical Field Experience (prior to student teaching)

Adhere to the [*Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators*](#)

Required Clock Hours

- Prior to admission to the Phase II Clinical Student Teaching Experience, each teacher candidate shall complete all assigned clinical hours of field experience required prior to Phase II Clinical Student Teaching.
 - 36 core hours of clinical field experience are required each fall and spring semester starting when candidates are enrolled in EDP 405 until they begin Phase II Clinical Student Teaching Experience
 - Any deficit hours must be completed and verified prior to Phase II Clinical Student Teaching approval
- Must include experiences across grade levels within certification area
- Field experiences must be integrated throughout the preparation program
- Field experiences must be consistent with the grade levels of certification sought:
 - Elementary (P-5): Complete in three grade levels: PK-K, 1-3, and 4-5.
 - Middle Grades: Complete in two grade levels: 4-5 and 6-8.
 - P-12 Certification: Complete in four grade levels: PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
 - Secondary (6-12): Complete in two grade levels: 6-8 and 9-12.

Required Field Activities

Field experiences must include:

- Observation in diverse settings
- Guided practice in lesson planning and delivery
- Working with diverse learners including:
 - Students with special needs
 - English language learners
 - Students from various socioeconomic backgrounds
 - Students from different cultural backgrounds

- Professional development activities
- Interaction with families and community members

Phase II: Clinical Student Teaching Experience

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Cooperating Teacher Requirements:

- Be professionally certified in the field of certification sought by the teacher candidate
- 3 years experience in teaching, service, or leadership role, demonstrated successful performance in the field of certification by teacher candidate
- be documented in TPMS or NTRS

Georgia Based Students-Specific Student Teaching Hours, Placement(s) and Assessments

- Minimum of 14 weeks of full-time student teaching
- Placements must be in Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC)-approved schools
- Must include experience with diverse student populations
- Successfully log a minimum of 6 university supervisor observations and 6 cooperating teacher observations during student teaching
- Successfully pass student teaching midterm and final assessments

Georgia Based Students-Specific Program Completion and Certification Requirements

Content, Pedagogy Area & Reading Tests

- Students in Georgia must take the certification assessments listed below for their licensure area.
- Passing content area assessment(s) is a requirement for approval to begin clinical student teaching.

Franklin Program	Georgia Certification Area	Georgia Certification Content Area	Content Assessment	Pedagogical Assessment	Reading Assessment
B.S./Post-Baccalaureate Primary Education (PK-5)	Induction Certificate Elementary Education (P-5)		GACE 702 Elementary Education (P-5)	N/A	GACE 418 Application of the Science of Reading
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Intervention Specialist: Mild to Moderate (K-12)	Induction Certificate Special Education (P-12)	Special Education General Curriculum	GACE 735 Special Education General Curriculum (P-12)	N/A	GACE 418 Application of the Science of Reading
B.S. /Post-Baccalaureate Middle Childhood Education (4-9)	Induction Certificate Middle Grades (4-8)	2 Content Areas		N/A	GACE 350 Fundamentals of the Science of Reading
		Language Arts	GACE 706 Middle Grades Language Arts (4-8)		
		Mathematics	GACE 704 Middle Grades Math (4-8)		
		Science	GACE 705 Middle Grades Science (4-8)		
		Social Science	GACE 707 Middle Grades Social Science (4-8)		

Teacher Performance Assessment

- Georgia does not require edTPA or any other specific teacher performance assessment for certification.
- Candidate performance assessment is conducted through approved preparation programs according to their program requirements and Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) guidelines.

Special Education Coursework Requirement

- In order to be recommended for an Induction Certificate, candidates must complete a course in identifying and educating exceptional children with a grade of B or better.

Application for Certification

Required Documentation

- MYPSC online application

- Official Transcripts
- Test Scores
- Verification of Approved Program Form
- Verification of Lawful Presence
- Application fee: See Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) website for up-to-date fees

Clearances:

- Complete a Clearance Certificate after gaining employment

Georgia Resources and Support

Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC)

200 Piedmont Avenue SE
Suite 1716, West Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334-9032
Phone: (800) 869-7775

Website: [Georgia Professional Standards Commission \(GaPSC\)](https://www.gapsc.com/)

Testing Resources

- GACE Assessments: <https://www.gace.es.pearson.com/tests>

Certification Resources

- Tiered Certification:
<https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/tieredCertification.aspx>
- Pre-Service Information: <https://www.Georgia.gov/msp/services/chr>