

THE GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GATAPP)

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). The program design is based on *Framework for Teaching*, by **Charlotte Danielson** and the Teacher-Candidates are assessed on 24 competencies in the domains of Planning and Preparation, The Classroom Environment, Instruction, and Professional Responsibilities. The program is specifically designed for Teacher-Candidates seeking initial certification and it is a job-embedded, performance-based program with a supporting mentor component. Each Teacher-Candidate has a support team composed of a RESA supervisor, school administrator and mentor-teacher to ensure their program success. The program is designed to be a partnership between the school system and NEGA RESA to support the Teacher-Candidate as they work toward a renewable certification. **An important note, GaTAPP Teacher-Candidates are issued an Induction Certificate (INT4) and will meet the criteria to be highly qualified.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM ENTRY

- Have not completed a teacher education program or held any type of teaching certificate in Georgia.
- Secure a job offer as a teacher in the area one is seeking certification with a local school system for at least half-a-day.
- Complete the **NEGA RESA Application Process** and submit all required documentation.
- GPA of 2.5 or higher in all college work.
- Pass the GACE Program Admission Assessment (or qualify for exemption with a passing score on the SAT, GRE, or ACT). It is also possible to exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment if you passed the Praxis I test prior to September 1, 2006. SAT exemption: Combined 1000, GRE exemption: Combined 1030 (before 8/2011, 297 after 8/2011) Verbal and Quantitative, ACT exemption: Combined 43 English and Math).
- Have a degree major or classes that align to the area of certification. (NEGA RESA representative will evaluate the official transcript).
- Pass GACE Content Assessment. Certain pathways do not require that the Candidate take and pass the GACE Content Assessment before being admitted into the program, but the Candidate must pass this assessment before exit. After evaluating transcripts, the NEGA RESA representative will notify the potential teacher-candidate if this is a program entry requirement.)
- Pass GACE Ethics Entry Assessment (GACE Ethics Entry 350)
- Candidate Recommendation Form to be completed by school system and submitted to Northeast Georgia RESA's GaTAPP Administrative Assistant.



NEGA RESA'S GATAPP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Attend **Essentials of Effective Teaching** (80 hour requirement) and Attend **Monthly Seminars**
 - Some Topics Include
 - The Dispositions of a Teacher
 - The Growth and Development of the Student
 - Georgia Standards of Excellence
 - The Effective Teaching Cycle
 - Unit and Lesson Planning
 - Differentiation
 - Creating a Standards-Based Classroom
 - Assessment Process
 - Co-Teaching
 - Classroom Management
 - Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Teachers
 - Incorporating Instructional Technology
 - Educator Ethics
 - Effective Instructional Practices
 - Formative Instructional Practices
 - Introduction to TKES
- Complete course assignments and program requirements at a **proficient** or **distinguished level**
- Final observation results are at a **proficient** or **distinguished level**
- Professional Responsibilities and Teacher Dispositions are at a **proficient** or **distinguished level**
- **GATAPP Portfolio** (Evidence of 24 competencies) evaluation results are at a **proficient** or **distinguished level**
- Complete Special Georgia Requirements
 - Passing score on **GACE Content Assessment**
 - Passing score on **EdTPA**
 - Passing score on **Ethics Exit Assessment (Ethics 360)**
 - Complete **HB671 Exceptional Children's Course**
 - Complete **Teaching of Reading and Writing** (If applicable to certification)
- **Pay Program Fees (\$4500)** in a timely manner (Payment plan must be on file). Teacher-Candidates cannot be recommended for clear, renewable certificate until all fees are paid in full.



NEGA RESA'S GATAPP HIGHLIGHTS

- Since 2002, 255 Teacher-Candidates have become certified.
- In the 2014-15 Cohort, we have 29 Teacher-Candidates employed in 10 of our 13 systems and Rutland.
- In the 2014-15 Cohort, Teacher-Candidates are seeking certification in the following areas.
 - Criminal Justice
 - Culinary Arts
 - Early Childhood Education
 - ESOL
 - Health Care Science
 - Health and Physical Education
 - Middle Grades ELA
 - Middle Grades Science
 - Middle Grades Social Studies
 - Secondary ELA
 - Secondary Mathematics
 - Secondary Science
 - Secondary Social Studies
 - Special Education
 - World Language (Spanish and French)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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