Georgia Ethics Assessments
Information for Candidates
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This document provides information for candidates about the Georgia Ethics assessments including eligibility, registration, and scores.

What are the Georgia Ethics assessments?

The Georgia Ethics assessments are training and assessment programs composed of a series of modules that combine instruction and testing.

- The Georgia Educator Ethics assessment is designed for beginning and currently practicing teachers.
- The Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership assessment is designed for educational leaders (principals/assistant principals and superintendents/assistant superintendents).

The goal is to help teachers and educational leaders become familiar with, understand, and apply the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators, as well as comprehend and embrace the principles of ethical decision making in an educational context.

These assessments focus on professionalism in education — in relationships with students, schools, colleagues, and communities — as well as on ethical understanding to guide decision making, and the specific regulations and expectations that teachers and educational leaders face in Georgia.

The Georgia Ethics assessments are currently offered at two levels: Program Entry and Program Exit.

- The **Program Entry** level ensures that teacher candidates/educational leadership candidates beginning their programs are exposed to the Georgia Code of Ethics and ethical principles to guide decision making as they complete field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia classrooms/schools. Data from these assessments inform program providers' ethics instruction as candidates progress through the program.
- The **Program Exit** level ensures teacher candidates/educational leadership candidates know and can apply the Georgia Code of Ethics and ethical principles to guide decision making. Educator and educational leadership preparation programs must first instruct and assess candidates in the Georgia Code of Ethics and ethical understanding to guide decision making before granting them eligibility to take the Program Exit version of the assessments. Data from the end-of-program assessment informs program providers' ethics instruction as they work to enhance programs where needed.

Through this collaborative focus on ethics instruction and assessment, Georgia can equip educators and educational leaders — including pre-service educators, beginning teachers, and school leaders — in ethical understanding and decision making to better equip them with the skills to operate within the boundaries of professional practice.

How are these assessments different from other GACE assessments?

The Georgia Ethics assessments are coupled with an embedded training program that offers a "learn by doing" approach around true-to-life scenarios, including actions, dispositions, and values. Designed not only to reinforce ethical standards or "code," these assessments also allow you to navigate through "real life" scenarios, deepening your understanding of obligations and situations to clarify how to avoid risk. Learning modules in the assessments are followed by end-of-module tests related to what you've learned in the modules.

Who needs to take these assessments and when?

When you must take and complete these assessments varies based on where you are in your professional career as a teacher or educational leader. See guidelines below.

Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350)

- State-approved **traditional** educator preparation program candidates (colleges/universities) must complete Program Entry to hold a Pre-service certificate.
- State-approved **non-traditional** educator preparation program initial teaching candidates (GaTAPP) must complete Program Entry prior to program admission.
- **Out-of-state initial teaching candidates** doing field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia must complete Program Entry to hold a Pre-service certificate.

Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360)

- State-approved **traditional** educator preparation program candidates (colleges/universities) must attempt Program Exit prior to program completion; they must pass Program Exit to hold an Induction certificate.
- State-approved **non-traditional** educator preparation program initial teaching candidates (GaTAPP) must pass Program Exit prior to program completion.
- **Out-of-state initial teaching candidates** doing field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia must attempt Program Exit prior to program completion.
- **Out-of-state educators seeking certification in Georgia** via reciprocity with less than three years of experience must pass Program Exit.

Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Entry (370)

- All candidates **admitted** (enrolled and taking classes) to any GaPSC-approved Educational Leadership program (non-tiered program or the new tiered model) on or after July 1, 2016, **must complete** (do not have to pass) Program Entry prior to becoming enrolled.
- A candidate who completes this Program Entry requirement for Tier I, does not have to complete it again for Tier II.

Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit (380)

- All candidates **completing** any GaPSC-approved Educational Leadership program (non-tiered program or the new tiered model) on or after July 1, 2016, **must attempt** Program Exit prior to completion and **must pass** the assessment to earn certification in the field of Educational Leadership.
- A candidate who passes Program Exit for Tier I certification, does not have to pass it again for Tier II certification.

How do I obtain eligibility to take a Georgia Ethics assessment?

Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350)

To gain automatic eligibility, you must select the appropriate reason for testing in your MyPSC account.

Your Status	Reason for Testing
State-approved **traditional** educator preparation program candidates (colleges/universities)	7
State-approved **non-traditional** educator preparation program initial teaching candidates (GaTAPP)	7
Out-of-state initial teaching candidates doing field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia	4

Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360)

To gain eligibility, you must claim your enrollment (if applicable) and then select the appropriate reason for testing in your MyPSC account.

Your Status	Reason for Testing
State-approved **traditional** educator preparation program candidates (colleges/universities) enrollment entered by program provider in Traditional Program Management System (TPMS); candidates claim enrollment and select reason for testing in MyPSC	2
State-approved **non-traditional** educator preparation program initial teaching candidates (GaTAPP) do not have to claim enrollment — program providers determine eligibility on an individual basis; view the bottom of the Assessments screen in MyPSC to verify eligibility	N/A
Out-of-state initial teaching candidates doing field experiences/clinical practice in Georgia should claim enrollment in MyPSC	4
Out-of-state educators seeking certification in Georgia via reciprocity with less than three years of experience	4

Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Entry (370)

Your Status	Reason for Testing
State-approved **traditional** educational leadership preparation program candidates (colleges/universities)	7
State-approved **non-traditional** educational leadership preparation program initial teaching candidates (GaTAPP)	7

Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Entry (380)

Your Status	Reason for Testing
State-approved **traditional** educational leadership preparation program candidates (colleges/universities)	2
State-approved **non-traditional** educational leadership preparation program initial teaching candidates (GaTAPP)	2

How do I register?

You will need to create two accounts in order to register for the Georgia Ethics assessments.

1. MyPSC account on the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) website
2. Georgia Ethics account in the Georgia Ethics assessment system

You will also need to claim your enrollment (if applicable), gain eligibility, and indicate your reason for testing before you can register.

Your MyPSC Account

Your MyPSC account is used to provide important information to ETS. You must create or update your MyPSC account before you can register to test.

You will also gain eligibility and select your reason for testing in your MyPSC account.

- If you do not already have a MyPSC account, go to the MyPSC Home page and select "Register." Follow the prompts to complete your profile.
- If you already have a MyPSC account, log in to review and confirm your information. **All future updates and corrections to your information must be done through your MyPSC account.**

You are responsible for ensuring that the first and last name in your MyPSC account match the name you enter in the Georgia Ethics assessment system. The first and last name in this account will be on your certificate of completion for the assessment.

Your Georgia Ethics Account

After you have created or updated your MyPSC account, the GaPSC sends your profile and eligibility information to ETS.

ETS then sends you an email with a link to the Georgia Ethics assessment system. This is where you register to test. Be sure that you have gained eligibility to test and selected a reason for testing before you create your account and register. If you do not, you will experience problems trying to register.

Where can I take these assessments?

You can take these assessments with your computer or tablet from home or anywhere you have internet access. The assessments are delivered via a secure web service. After you confirm your eligibility and your information is received by ETS, you will receive an email giving you access to the Georgia Ethics assessment system.

How much does it cost?

Test	Fee*	Test	Fee*
Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350)	$30	Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Entry (370)	$40
Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360)	$30	Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership – Program Exit (380)	$40

*All test fees are nonrefundable.

Program Exit candidates: You have up to five attempts to pass each end-of-module test. If passing status is not achieved by the fifth attempt, your access to the assessment will be revoked. To regain access, you will need to pay another test fee.

When will my scores be available?

Scores are displayed on screen after each end-of-module test and are also available through "My History" in the Georgia Ethics system. **Note:** At the end of each end-of-module test, you will see the correct answer for each question, your response, and a rationale for the correct answer. This information is only available on this screen; it is not available in "My History" with your scores; once you leave this screen, you will not be able to see it again.

How Do I Know if I Passed?

Program-Entry Levels (350 and 370)

You will receive a percentage correct and a status of complete or not complete for each end-of-module test. Although you will not receive an overall test score, you will receive an overall status of "Completed" or "Not Completed" for the assessment. You must complete all training modules and end-of-module tests to receive credit.

Program-Exit Levels (360 and 380)

You will receive a percentage correct and a status of completed or not completed for each end-of-module test and the summative test. Although you will not receive an overall test score, you will receive an overall status of "Passed" or "Not Passed" for the assessment.

How Do I Send Scores to My Program Provider?

You may designate up to three (3) score recipients as part of your test fee. **All score recipients must be selected before you complete the assessment**. Once you complete and exit the assessment, you cannot add or change score recipients. Go to "My Profile" in the Georgia Ethics assessment system to select your score recipients.

If you are taking the Program Entry level of either assessment, you must add your program provider as a score recipient or they will not receive notice that you have completed the assessment.

If you are taking the Program Exit level of either assessment, your scores will automatically be sent to the program provider who granted eligibility to test. You do not need to add them as a score recipient.

What if I have questions or need technical help?

Contact ETS Customer Service for assistance.

Phone: 1-855-225-7178 (U.S., U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Canada)   **Fax:** 1-973-735-0156 or 1-866-484-5860
1-609-359-5161 (all other locations)   **Email:** gace_inquiries@ets.org
(Monday-Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m. ET, excluding holidays)