

West Georgia RESA
Alternative Teacher Certification Preparation Options – revised February 2010

Program	Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (TAPP)	One Year Supervised Practicum (OYSP)
Eligibility for Selection	<p>The Candidate must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a 4-year degree • Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher in all college level work from a PSC approved college OR have been out of college 10 years or more OR have been accepted into an accredited Master's level program • Have a criminal background clearance • Pass or exempt GACE Basic Skills Tests • Pass GACE Content Assessment ** • Be employed by a West Georgia RESA school system • Arrange with the local school system a method of payment of the program fees • Not have completed a teacher education program nor held any type of teaching certificate in any state 	<p>The Candidate must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a 4 year degree in a related field • Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher in all college level work from a PSC approved college OR have been out of college 10 years or more OR have been accepted into an accredited Master's level program • Have a criminal background clearance • Agree to payment of program fees • Pass or exempt GACE Basic Skills Tests • Pass GACE Content Assessment** • Pass GACE Professional Pedagogy • Be employed by a West Georgia RESA school system
Certification Type	Intern (IT Certificate)	Non-Renewable
State Pay Level	Based on highest degree held (see system pay scale)	Based on highest degree held (see system pay scale)
Process for Application	<p>Provide West GA RESA with copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official transcripts from all colleges attended • Copy of GACE Basic Skills scores (or SAT, ACT, or GRE scores high enough to exempt this requirement) • Evidence of GACE Content Assessment passage • Current resume • West GA RESA GA TAPP Recommendation Form • Copy of Employer's Assurance Form (marked GA TAPP) • A \$2000.00 initial program fee <p>**These items are to be submitted by the employing system</p>	<p>Provide West GA RESA with copies of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed application packet including: • Letter of recommendation/intent to employ by the system signed by the Superintendent or designee • A completed registration form • Official transcripts from all colleges attended • Copy of GACE Basic Skills scores (or SAT, ACT, or GRE scores high enough to exempt this requirement) • Copy of GACE Content Assessment score • Copy of GACE Professional Pedagogy score • Current resume • Two letters of reference from most recent previous employers • A \$2000.00 initial program fee <p>**These items are to be submitted by the employing system</p>

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Program Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Support Team • 80 hours: <i>The Essentials of Effective Teaching</i> course • 150 hours: Individualized coaching and mentoring by mentor, RESA and administrator • Demonstration of Knowledge, Skill and Disposition competencies through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom observations with Pre/Post Conferences with Candidate Support Team • Professional Reviews (Minimum of seven) • Seminars • Practicum/Field Experiences • Transcripts for completion of all Georgia Special Requirement courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Support Team • Demonstration of Knowledge, Skill and Disposition competencies through: • Classroom observations with Pre/Post Conferences with Candidate Support Team • Professional Reviews (Minimum of six) • Candidate observing other teachers • Professional Growth/Development Plans • Transcripts for completion of all Georgia Special Requirement courses
Assessment	Portfolio with rubrics for scoring based on Danielson's Frameworks scored at the Proficient performance level	Portfolio with rubrics for scoring based on Danielson's Frameworks scored at the Proficient performance level
Length of Program	Two- Three Years	One Year
Fees	\$4000.00 (\$2000.00 is due upon acceptance into the program)	\$4000.00 (\$2000.00 is due upon acceptance into the program)
Certification Process	West Georgia RESA sends the system a completion form, and the system submits the official transcripts and requests a Clear-Renewable certificate to the Professional Standards Commission.	West Georgia RESA sends the system a completion form, and the system submits the official transcripts and requests a Clear-Renewable certificate to the Professional Standards Commission.

** In order to be recommended for clear renewable certificate, Middle Grades Candidates ONLY, must pass two (2) content area tests. However, only one test is required for program entry.