

# Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy

# GaTAPP

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# Middle Georgia RESA

Regional Educational Service Agency

is the TAPP provider for schools  
in these eight counties:

- ★ Bibb
- ★ Crawford
- ★ Houston
- ★ Jasper
- ★ Jones
- ★ Monroe
- ★ Peach
- ★ Twiggs

# **Middle Georgia RESA**

**also serves candidates from:**

- ★ **Chattahoochee-Flint RESA area**
- ★ **Heart of Georgia RESA area**
- ★ **Private schools in and around Middle Georgia.**

# Middle Georgia RESA

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To find information about GACE Assessments:

GACE Website: [www.gace.ets.org](http://www.gace.ets.org)

GACE = Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators

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# **What is the purpose of GaTAPP?**

**The purpose of GaTAPP is to prepare individuals holding a bachelor's degree for teaching by providing them with the pedagogical skills, knowledge, and support needed to obtain a Clear Renewable Teaching Certificate. Candidates are able to complete requirements of the program while employed as full-time classroom teachers.**

# **TAPP does not serve the following:**

- **Individuals who have held a clear-renewable Teaching Certificate**
- **Individuals seeking a Leadership Certificate**
- **Individuals seeking a Service Certificate (Ex: counseling)**
- **Individuals seeking a college degree or college credit**

# **In which teaching fields may a TAPP candidate earn a Professional Certificate at Middle Georgia RESA?**

**Early Childhood Education (P-5)**

**Middles Grades (Grades 4 -8):**

**All subjects offered in grades 4 through 8.**

**Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 (P-12):**

**Art                      Foreign Language**

**Health                Health & Physical Education**

**Music                Special Education**

# **In which teaching fields may a TAPP candidate earn a Professional Certificate at Middle Georgia RESA?**

## **High School (Grades 6 – 12 ):**

**Agriculture Ed.**

**Business Ed.**

**English**

**Marketing Ed.**

**Mathematics**

**Speech**

**Technology Ed.**

**Family & Consumer Sci.**

**Biology**

**Chemistry**

**Economics**

**Geography**

**History**

**Political Science**

**Physics**

**Science**

# How do I know if I am eligible for TAPP?



**Do you have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university?**

**Undergraduate GPA - minimum of a 2.5  
(no rounding up)**

**If your GPA is below 2.5, you must pass the content area GACE at the professional level before you will be considered eligible for participation in the GaTAPP program.**

# How do I know if I am eligible for TAPP?...continued

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Do you have a passing score on the GACE Program Admission assessment? The GACE Program Admission assessment can be exempted if you have high enough scores on the SAT, ACT, or GRE.

Exemption Score	<b>SAT</b>
Combined (Verbal & Math)	1000

Exemption Score	<b>ACT</b>
Combined (English & Math)	43

Exemption Score	<b>GRE</b>	
	Prior to 8/1/11	On or after 8/1/11
Combined (Verbal & Quantitative)	1030	297

# How do I know if I am eligible for TAPP?...continued

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**Have you completed the GACE Content Assessment? A copy of the passing score report is needed to verify that this requirement has been met.**

- **For SpEd, either 087 or 088 will be required for P-8 grades. If interested in 6-12 grades, please contact our office for more information.**
- **If your GPA is at least a 2.5, you can pass at either the Induction level (220) or Professional level (250). If your GPA is less than a 2.5, you must pass at the Professional level (250).**
- **Beginning July 1, 2017 all candidates must pass at the Professional level.**

**For more information or to register for the assessment, please go to <http://gace.ets.org>.**

# How do I know if I am eligible for TAPP?...continued

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**Have you completed the Georgia Educator Ethics Entry Assessment? A copy of the completion certificate is needed to verify that this requirement has been met.**

**For more information or to register for the assessment, please go to <http://gace.ets.org/ethics/about>.**

# How do I know if I am eligible for TAPP?...continued

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Have you completed the pre-screening application which can be found at the Middle Georgia RESA office or on the Middle Georgia RESA website at [www.mgresa.org](http://www.mgresa.org)? Mail or bring the application to the Middle Georgia RESA office. Shortly afterwards you will receive a letter from Middle Georgia RESA with notification of whether or not you are eligible and in which content areas.

# How do I know if I am eligible for TAPP?...continued



**Have you been offered a full-time teaching position by one of the systems/schools served by Middle Georgia RESA?**

**(You do not have to be offered a teaching position in order to enroll in the Essentials course. The fee for the course without a position is \$500.)**

# Where do I begin?



**Contact all colleges and/or universities you attended and have them send your transcripts to Melissa Smith at Middle Georgia RESA and to the school systems where you seek employment. You may hand-deliver them in sealed and signed envelopes. Copies or opened transcripts are not acceptable.**

# Where do I begin?...continued



**2**

**Pass or exempt the GACE Program Admission assessment.**



**3**

**Pass the GACE Content Assessment.**

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# Where do I begin?...continued



**Complete the Georgia Educator Ethics Entry Assessment.**



**Complete the pre-screening application process. Applications may be found online or in the Middle Georgia RESA office. There is a \$30 processing fee.**



**Acquire a teaching position in one of the systems/schools served by Middle Georgia RESA.**

# Where do I begin?...continued



**Once you are offered a teaching position go to the Middle Georgia RESA website and register for the class, “Essentials for Effective Teaching.” All TAPP candidates statewide must have already taken or be enrolled in this class to enter TAPP. This is an 80-hour class offered at Middle Georgia RESA.**

**(You do not have to be offered a teaching position in order to enroll in the Essentials course. The fee for the course without a position is \$500.)**

# **TAPP *Essentials for Effective Teaching* Classes**

## **Summer/Fall 2016**

***The Essentials course is 80 hours. You are required to attend all sessions.***

### **Summer 2016: Cohort 1**

<b>July 8, 2016</b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>July 11 – 15, 2016</b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>July 18, 2016</b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>August 6, 2016</b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>August 13, 2016</b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>August 16, 2016</b>	<b>4:30 pm – 8:30 pm</b>
<b>November 5, 2016*</b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>

**\*Will attend half day assigned session**

# Once in TAPP, then what?

**1** Finish the Essentials class. Because of the 80 hours mandated by the state, no absences are allowed.

**2** The following will be discussed with you by your Supervisor: seminars, journal entries, observations of you while teaching, field experiences by you of other teachers, CST Meetings, mentor meetings.

# Once in TAPP, then what?...cont.

**3**

**Complete the local portfolio. The portfolio is used to document the candidate's teaching performance and serves as the basis for program completion and teacher certification.**

**4**

**Submit and pass edTPA.**

**5**

**Take & pass the Exceptional Learner course.**

# Once in TAPP, then what?...cont.



**Take & pass the Georgia Educator Ethics Exit Assessment.**



**Take & pass other courses required of your certification area. Your Supervisor will discuss these with you.**

**All required courses are offered by Middle Georgia RESA as online courses and are included in the TAPP fees.**

## **Am I in this alone or will I have support?**

**Each TAPP Teacher in our program receives support and encouragement from several sources of assistance. You will have a school-based mentor assigned to you by an administrator at your school, a supervisor assigned to you by RESA, and an administrator at your school. These individuals make up your Candidate Support Team (CST).**

# What is the cost of the program?

**\$4500      First Year      (Required)**

**\$1000      Second Year      (Required)**

**\$1000      Third Year      (If needed)**

**Candidates hired in private schools or outside of the MGRESA area will pay an additional \$500 per year in program.**

**Unless the amount is paid initially, your payments are deducted in equal installments from your monthly paychecks.**

# Additional Cost

You should be aware of an external expense not covered by tuition. You will be responsible for paying for edTPA, the new state-required summative assessment of pedagogy (ability to teach).

The cost of EdTPA is \$300, which must be paid during your second full semester in our program. Failure to submit edTPA during your second full semester in the program will result in program dismissal.

## Career and Technical Education Fields (grades 6-12).

GaTAPP can now serve individuals who hold a high school diploma or GED, or an associate's degree or higher in the teaching field for which the individual is seeking the professional teaching certification as delineated in Certification rule 505-2-.96, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION or Rule 505-2-.70, HEALTHCARE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION fields;

For more information please contact

Melissa Smith at 478-988-7175.

**GaTAPP is an extensive teacher preparation program requiring a minimum of two years and lasting up to three years.**

**The time, money, and effort that it costs you are well-worth the rewards that you will reap as a classroom teacher.**

**If you have any questions,  
please contact Melissa  
Smith or Pam Wacter.**

**Thank-you for your interest in**

**GaTAPP**

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