Teacher Certification

Program completion

To be considered a UGA program completer and to be eligible for a Certificate of Eligibility in an initial educator preparation program, you must complete the following. If you are moving out of state, in order for UGA to mark that you have completed an approved program, you must meeting the following requirements without exceptions.

- Complete a GaPSC approved program.
- Attempt the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) Assessment ($30). You must pass this assessment to be eligible for certification (only for teacher education programs).
- Attempt the GACE (Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Educators) Content Assessment ($193) if your certification area has a GACE content assessment. The eligibility to take this assessment will be granted in the semester prior to your clinical practice/internship. You must attempt this assessment prior to program completion. You must pass this assessment to be eligible for certification.
- Attempt edTPA ($300) if your certification area has an edTPA assessment. You must pass this assessment to eligible for certification.
- Complete clinical practice/internship.
- Complete all Foliotek requirements if your program requires you to have an account.
- Complete Child Abuse and FERPA Training.
- Complete College of Education exit survey.
- Meet any additional program-specific requirements for completion.

Applying for certification

Things you should do before meeting with certification official Kate Character:

- Pass the GACE Content Assessment.
- Pass the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) Assessment (only for teacher education programs).
- Graduate students only: Graduate students must have official, unopened transcripts from all institutions attended (other than UGA) sent directly to the GaPSC at mail@gapsc.com.
Step 1: Obtain your certification packet

You will receive a certification packet from Kate Character when she meets with your class during the clinical practice semester. If you miss the meeting, contact Character at 706–542–4218 to set up a time to meet with her. You will not be able to process your certification paperwork without speaking with her.

Step 2: Order an official UGA transcript

Your degree must be posted (awarded) before you request a transcript. Check Athena to make sure the status of your degree says, “Awarded” before you request an electronic transcript.

Go to the Office of the Registrar’s website to request an electronic transcript to be emailed to GaPSC.

• $8 per transcript