

APS Hiring Guide Pathway Options to Being an Educator in Atlanta Public Schools

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<u>Traditional Certification (Tiered Certification – GaPSC)</u>

<u>Who is it for?</u> Teachers with fewer than 3 years of experience within the last 5 years; some Service certificate holders <u>Qualifications:</u> All applicants must be employed to receive; otherwise, they may receive a Certificate of Eligibility (except for Pathway 4). <u>Pathway 1:</u> For those who completed a traditional educator

- ✓ Approved Program Recommendation
- ✓ Induction level passing score (until 07/01/2017) or higher on GACE content exam
- ✓ Completion of Ethics exam (as of 1/1/15)
- ✓ Passing score on edTPA (as of 9/1/15)
- ✓ Exceptional Child course

preparation program in GA

<u>Pathway 2:</u> For those who completed a traditional preparation program out-of-state (OOS), but completed student teaching in GA

✓ Same requirements as Pathway 1

<u>Pathway 3:</u> For those who completed all parts of an ed. prep. program out-of-state (OOS), <u>or</u> out-of-state (OOS) educators who do <u>not</u> qualify for Professional certification

- Approved Program Recommendation <u>or</u> Out-of- State (OOS) certificate
- ✓ Induction level passing score or higher on GACE content exam
- ✓ Completion of Ethics exam (as of 1/1/15)
- ✓ For those with no teaching experience, passing score on edTPA or GaPSC-approved comparable exam (as of 9/1/15)
- ✓ Exceptional Child course **NOT** required for initial certificate

Pathway 4: For those who have not completed a program (replaces NNT)

- ✓ Bachelor's degree or higher, with a GPA min. of 2.5 in most cases
- ✓ Induction (until 07/01/2017)or higher passing score on GACE content exam
- ✓ Passing score on Ethics exam (as of 1/1/15)
- Passing score on the Program Admission Assessment, or exemption
- ✓ Passing score on edTPA earned during the second full semester of the non-traditional certification program (as of 1/1/15)

Tier 3: Standard Professional

Who is it for? Teachers with at least 3 yrs of experience and no more than 1 unsat within 5 yrs

- Out-of-State (OOS) educators may exempt GACE with 5 out of the last 5 yrs of experience
- ✓ OOS educators who need to pass GACE are <u>not</u> eligible for a Non-Renewable

Alternative Certification (GaTAPP/TFA)

The following will be required of a non-certified hire who desires to obtain a GA Educator Certificate issued by the GaPSC. All certification requirements must be completed in three years.

- ✓ Hold a bachelor's degree (2.5 GPA or higher)
- ✓ Pass the GACE Program Admission Assessment or meet exemption through GRE, SAT, or ACT scores as specified on GaPSC website
- ✓ Passing score on the GACE content assessment for area/subjects taught
- ✓ Complete the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment – Program Entry (350) within 30 days of hire date
- Enroll in a state-approved, teacher preparation program leading to certification for which the employee has been hired

<u>OR</u>

2. Enroll in a APS approved Alternative Certification Program (Metro RESA's GaTAPP or Teach For America)

NOTE: Once entered into this pathway, one may <u>not</u> opt for the (Non Certification) pathway due to the investment APS is making in supporting candidates in obtaining professional certificates.

Permits (GaPSC)

The permit is a type of renewable certificate designed for individuals who qualify to teach in specific fields based on a combination of work experience, specified educational requirements and assessment(s).

Permitted personnel include: world languages; performing artists from the fields of art, dance, drama or music; Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) personnel; retired teachers; and teachers and leaders from business, government, military or other professions.

- Permit issued at the request of Atlanta Public School System once employed
- ✓ Specific requirements are outlined for each permit type under the specified rule number:
- ✓ World Language(Foreign Language)505-2-.10 (7)
- ✓ Performing Artists: Art, Dance,Drama and Music 505-2-.10 (8)
- Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) 505-2.10 (9)
- ✓ Retired Teachers 505-2.10 (10)
- Educational Leadership: Superintendent 505-2.10 (11)
- ✓ Career and Technical Specializations 505-2.10 (12)
- ✓ Engineering and Technology 505-2.10 (13)
- ✓ Healthcare Science 505-2.10 (14)

No Certification (APS)

The following will be required to maintain employment as a non-certified hire who does not desire to obtain a GA educator certificate issued by the GaPSC:

- Hold a bachelor's degree (2.5 GPA or higher)
- Pass the GACE Program Admission Assessment or meet exemption through GRE, SAT, or ACT scores as specified on GaPSC website http://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/BasicSkillsInfo.aspx
- ✓ Have academic major or passing score on the GACE content assessment for area/subjects taught
- ✓ Complete the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment – Program Entry (350) within 30 days of hire date http://gace.ets.org/ethics/about
- ✓ Garner a GaPSC Clearance Certificate indicating completion of background check issued upon employment with APS
- Complete a year-long APS Induction, *Empowering Teachers Program*, which includes:
 - PD Coursework and Seminars
 - Clinical Supervision & Support (job-embedded)
 - Culminating Assessment
- 2. Positive performance observations and evaluations
- 3. Meet annual PD requirements each year of ongoing employment