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Georgia Transition Approved
Preparation and Pedagogy
GaTAPP



OVERVIEW

The Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (Georgia TAPP) is a classroom-based teacher preparation option for individuals who have the basic qualifications to teach early childhood, middle-grades, secondary or P-12 education but have not completed a teacher preparation program. The program is not intended to replace regular college teacher education programs. It is, instead, an alternative option for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree or higher but did not complete teacher education requirements as part of their degree programs. Georgia TAPP equips teacher-candidates with the skills to ensure a reasonable expectation of initial success in their classrooms, and puts in place a supervised candidateship/induction program that will help them move toward subsequent mastery of teaching.

REQUIREMENTS

- Have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university
- Possess a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- Pass GACE I, or exempt GACE I requirement with:
SAT: combined score 1000
GRE: combined score 1030
ACT: combined score 43
- Passing score on GACE II Content area tests prior to entry
- Pass the Georgia GCIC criminal background check

Have a job offer as a beginning teacher in a Griffin RESA-member school system. (Butts, Fayette, Griffin/Spalding, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Thomaston-Upson). The System's Director of Human Resources will recommend candidates for TAPP enrollment

Griffin RESA Member School Systems Human Resources Directors

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Griffin RESA Approved Fields of Certification

Secondary Education Fields (Grades 6-12) English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Space, Physics, Broad Field) • Social Science (Economics, Geography, History, Political Science) • Art, Music, P.E., Health, Business 	Middle Grades Education (Grades 4-8) Must have at least one concentration in: English, Math, Science, Social Studies or Reading
	Foreign Language – (Grades P-12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish or French or German
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Education General Curriculum • Early Childhood