



# Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment

## What is the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment?

The Georgia Educator Ethics assessment is a training and assessment program composed of a series of modules that combine instruction and testing. The goal of the assessment is to help educators become familiar with, understand, and apply the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators, as well as comprehend and embrace the principles of ethical decision making in an educational context.

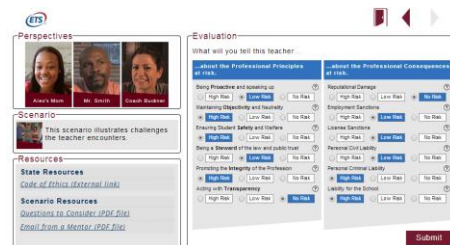
The Georgia Educator Ethics assessment will initially be offered at two levels:

- Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350) (available September 30, 2014)
- Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) (available January 2015)

The assessment is comprised of seven interactive modules. The modules focus on professionalism in education — in teachers' relationships with their students, their schools, and their communities — as well as on ethical understanding to guide decision making, and the specific regulations and expectations that educators face in Georgia.

## How is this assessment different from other GACE assessments?

This assessment is coupled with an embedded training program that offers a “learn by doing” approach around true-to-life scenarios, including actions, dispositions, and values. Designed not only to reinforce ethical standards or “code,” this tool also allows you to navigate through “real life” scenarios, deepening your understanding of obligations and situations to clarify how to avoid risk. Learning modules in the assessment are followed by end-of-module tests related to what you’ve learned in the modules.



## Who needs to take Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350)?

If you are entering a state-approved traditional or non-traditional educator preparation program for an initial **teaching** field, you must take and complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350).

- If you entered a state-approved educator preparation program in the fall of 2014, you must take and complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry by **December 31, 2014**.
- If you are entering a state-approved educator preparation program on or after **January 1, 2015**, you must take and complete Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry **prior to program admission**.

Although you will not receive a score, you must complete all training modules and end-of-module tests to receive credit toward program admission.

## Who needs to take Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360)?

Beginning January 1, 2015, if you complete a state-approved educator preparation program for an initial **teaching** field, you must **attempt** Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) prior to program completion.

- If you complete a state-approved traditional educator preparation program, you must pass Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit as part of the requirement to hold either an Induction Certification or a Certificate of Eligibility. **Note:** If you complete your state-approved educator preparation program by December 31, 2014, you are exempt from passing the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment if all certification application materials are received by the GaPSC’s Certification Division by **March 1, 2015**.
- State-approved non-traditional educator preparation program completers (GaTAPP, etc.) must pass Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit for program completion. **Note:** If you complete your state-approved educator preparation program by December 31, 2014, you are exempt from passing the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment if all certification application materials are received by the GaPSC’s Certification Division by **March 1, 2015**.
- If you are enrolled in an out-of-state educator preparation program and you are completing clinical practice in Georgia, you must pass Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360).
- If you who hold Professional certification from another state or have completed a state-approved program in another state, but have fewer than three years successful teaching experience, you must pass Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) for Georgia certification.

## **How does Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry differ from Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit?**

While much of the learning content is the same, the Program Exit level has different questions in the end-of-module tests, building upon the Program Entry level of the assessment. Additionally, Program Exit test takers must complete and pass an end-of-course, or summative, test that includes questions related to the topics covered in all of the modules.

## **Eligibility and Registration**

**Program Entry:** You must create or update your MyPSC account on the GaPSC website and select **7** as your reason for testing. You will then be eligible to take Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350).

**Program Exit:** Your state-approved program provider must grant you eligibility to take Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) prior to program completion. You must confirm your eligibility by creating or updating your MyPSC account on the GaPSC website and selecting **2** as your reason for testing.



Information about creating your MyPSC account, requesting or confirming eligibility, and reasons for testing is available in the GACE *Registration Bulletin* and in the Educator Ethics section of the GACE website at [www.gace.ets.org/ethics](http://www.gace.ets.org/ethics).

Registering for this assessment is a four-step process:

1. You create or update your MyPSC account on the GaPSC website.
2. The GaPSC sends your profile and eligibility information to ETS. This step generally takes a day or two.
3. ETS sends you an email with a link to the Educator Ethics system.
4. You access the Educator Ethics assessment system, create your account, and register and pay for the assessment.

**Note:** The Georgia Educator Ethics assessment does not use the same registration system as other GACE assessments.

## **Where can I take this assessment?**

You can take the assessment with your computer or tablet from home or anywhere you have Internet access. The assessment is delivered via a secure web service. After you confirm your eligibility and your information is received by ETS, you will receive an email giving you access to the Educator Ethics assessment system.

## **How much does it cost?**

The fee is \$30 for the Program Entry level and \$30 for the Program Exit level; the fee is nonrefundable. **Note for Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) candidates:** You have five attempts to pass each end-of-module test. If passing status is not achieved by the fifth attempt, your access to the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment will be revoked. To regain access, you will need to pay another test fee.

## **When will my scores be available?**

Scores are displayed on screen after each end-of-module test and are also available through “My History” in the Educator Ethics system. **Note:** At the end of each end-of-module test, you will see the correct answer for each question, your response, and a rationale for the correct answer. This information is only available on this screen; it is not available in “My History” with your scores; once you leave this screen, you will not be able to see it again.

## **How Do I Know if I Passed?**

Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (350) is reported as “Completed” or “Not Completed.” Although you will not receive a score, you must complete all of the training modules and end-of-module tests.

Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (360) is reported “Passed” or “Not Passed.” You will not receive a score.

## **How Do I Send Scores to My Program Provider?**

If you are taking the Program Entry level for program admission, you must add your program provider as a score recipient when you register or they will not receive notice that you have completed the assessment. This is important because your program provider uses this information to inform ethics instruction in the preparation program.

If you are taking the Program Exit level, your scores will automatically be sent to your program provider. You do not need to add them as a score recipient.

## **What if I have questions or need technical help?**

Contact ETS Customer Service for assistance.

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