



NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

-seeking highly qualified educators

STEPS TO BECOMING A TEACHER WITH PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

The following steps are required to obtain a provisional certificate (BT teaching certificate):

1. Register for MyPSC account at: www.gapsc.com go to upper right hand corner and click on "Register" and follow the prompts
2. Hold a bachelor's degree or higher
3. Pass the GACE content Assessment- (This is the area that you desire to teach.)
4. Pass the GACE Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment (GACE 360) - This assessment can be taken at home or anywhere that you have internet access. It is not graded, but **must be completed**

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- You will need to answer some questions about taking the assessment. The PSC has to approve you to take the assessments, but they need to know what route you are going and why you want to take the tests.
- Once the PSC has approved you to register for the tests then you will go to www.gace.ets.org to register for an account with them and then you can register for the test the PSC approved you to take.
- ❖ Last but not least, then you will need to enroll in a certification program. It can be a college program or the state TAPP program. The TAPP program is a state program that enables you to complete the education requirements for certification. TAPP is a two year program.

Links to check if the college is PSC approved:

Georgia Approved Certification Programs:

<https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/ApprovedPrograms/EducationApprovedPrograms.aspx> OR www.gapsc.com (Go to Prospective Educators and GAPSC Approved Educator Preparation Programs)

PSC approved Programs (CHEA and US DOE):

<https://www.gapsc.com/ProspectiveEducator/acceptedAccreditation.aspx> OR

USDOE: www.ed.gov

CHEA: www.chea.org

- ❖ A provisional teaching certificate is good for three years. You will have three years to complete your certification program requirements. It is better to complete the requirements to convert to a provisional before three years. The provisional pay for an educator with a bachelor's degree is BT4, Step E, 0,1,2 years on the certified pay scale. You remain on Step E with a provisional, but as soon as you convert you move to the next step, T4/Step 1, 3 years for completing the TAPP program or a certification only program OR T5/Step 1, 3 years if you earned a master's degree through a certification master's degree program (The program needs to be a certification program in the field of certification you are teaching).

I hope this information helps you. Good luck in your endeavor to become a teacher!!!