



Dear Georgia Educator,

The Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) assessments measure job-related content knowledge and skills needed in P-12 schools and classrooms. To administer the GACE program, GaPSC contracts with an external supplier. Evaluation Systems, Pearson (ES) will administer the GACE program effective July 1, 2025. We believe Georgia has some of the best prepared educators in our country, and it makes good practices to engage our professionals in GACE development activities. Your help is needed to work closely with ES and GaPSC to develop all new assessments for the GACE program.

### **Involvement of Georgia Educators**

Georgia has a customized assessment program, meaning all GACE assessments are developed with input from Georgia educators and those that prepare Georgia educators. Educator and faculty involvement is critical for developing professional certification assessments reflective of Georgia's approved standards and to ensure assessments are fair and representative of the quality of our educator workforce.

I encourage you, as a Georgia certified or licensed educator and/or faculty from a state-approved Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) to complete and submit an application for participation in ongoing assessment development activities. I also encourage you to nominate your Georgia colleagues who may be interested in this work.

This is your opportunity to join your fellow educators to help shape the next generation of GACE assessments by participating in materials review committees in a wide variety of content areas, in fairness reviews, and in standard setting recommendation committees.

### **Qualifications of Committee Members**

Members of GACE committees must be:

- Public school teachers, leaders, and/or service personnel certified and practicing in Georgia; or
- Georgia EPP faculty working to prepare P–12 teachers, leaders, and/or service specialists in traditional preparation programs (colleges or universities) at the undergraduate or graduate level(s) or in non-traditional preparation programs (GaTAPP).

## Applications and Nomination Forms

Please complete and submit an application, and/or nominate your colleagues at [www.garecruit.nesinc.com](http://www.garecruit.nesinc.com). If you nominate a colleague, ES will contact and encourage nominated individuals to complete an application. ES, in collaboration with GaPSC, will review applications and select educators to be invited to participate, ensuring representative committees. Educators who have been selected to participate will be provided with practical information about in-person meeting dates, meeting locations, and review activities. Each participant's travel will be reimbursed per ES' travel policies. Although it is up to the employing district, participation may count as job-embedded professional learning toward certification renewal.

I want to personally thank you in advance for giving your time and effort to these important assessment activities. If you have any questions about the GACE program, please contact Anne Marie Fenton at [annemarie.fenton@gapsc.com](mailto:annemarie.fenton@gapsc.com). If you have specific questions about serving on a test development committee, please contact Robyn Kaczowka at ES at (866) 565-4849.

Again, we appreciate your consideration to assist in this important process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph C. Barrow, Jr., Ed.D." in a cursive script.

Joseph C. Barrow, Jr., Ed.D.  
Executive Secretary