What is GaTAPP?

An alternative certification program for classroom teachers.

It is for individuals who hold a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited institution, who did not complete a traditional teacher education degree program, and who want to transition into the teaching profession.

The GaTAPP program supports area school systems having a way to certify teachers that they hire through an alternative certification.

Who is GaTAPP designed for?

Individuals who wish to transition into teaching from another career path.

Individuals that did not complete a teacher education program.

Individuals that have never held a clear and renewable (professional) teaching certificate.

Who teaches GaTAPP Courses?

Essentials of Effective Teaching, Seminars, and on-line coursework are designed, customized, and instructed by NGRESA’s GaTAPP instructors.

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Professional Learning Department

The Professional Learning Department plans, coordinates, and delivers all courses, workshops, endorsements, and training events of North Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA).

The Professional Learning Department offers regularly scheduled courses as well as on-request training events and custom-designed training to meet individual school and system needs. North Georgia RESA is committed to building the capacity of educators in the region through courses, workshops, consortium, and other activities. Endorsements are offered in Dyslexia, ESOL, Gifted, Instructional Coaching, K-5 Math, On-line Teaching and Reading. Other custom-designed professional learning opportunities are conducted based on system and school requests meeting the unique goals and needs of the individual school system and/or schools.

Should you have a specific professional learning or service need, please contact Dr. David Thacker at david.thacker@ngresa.org

For more information as well as links to the GaTAPP Application, area job postings, and many more resources please visit our website: www.ngresa.org

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Fees and Tuition

Application Fee.................................$75.00
Tuition Down Payment.......................$1,000.00
Essentials of Effective Teaching Course.....$650.00
(Required for all candidates)

Before you are enrolled into the program, these fees must be received.

GaTAPP offers Support

The goal of the GaTAPP pathway is to equip teacher candidates with the necessary skills for initial success in their classrooms through concentrated training opportunities.

Such training coupled with quality, on-the-job learning supported by supervisors, mentors, and administrators establishes an induction program that will nurture the growth of teacher candidates.

As candidates enter the North Georgia RESA GaTAPP program, supervisors and mentors note skills and talents candidates bring with them from previous experiences that aide in the transition to classroom teacher. Throughout enrollment, an analysis of knowledge, performance and dispositions is performed via classroom observations, mentoring activities, cohort trainings, and collaborative conversations. Data on the candidates are collected and used to diagnose weakness and differentiate support. Seminars, additional coursework, and targeted individual supports relative to specific performance, and needs are provided for teacher candidates. These interventions support the movement of the novice teacher candidate towards proficiency in content knowledge, pedagogical skill, and professional dispositions as they engage in learning tasks which are reflective of the mission and beliefs of North Georgia RESA.

North Georgia RESA
Cherokee, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens & Whitfield Counties

Tuition Breakdown

General Education $5,500.00 Tuition Year 1 & 2
Special Education $5,800.00 Tuition Year 1 & 2
Elementary Education $5,800.00 Tuition Year 1 & 2
Additional year $1,000.00 Tuition Year 3
(Only if necessary to complete CST)
This cost includes tuition, books, supervisor, and mentor fees.

Additional Fees for PSC required coursework:

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