

World Language Certification Overview

**Georgia Professional Standards
Commission**

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What is the GaPSC?

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission is the state agency responsible for governing the certification, preparation, and ethical conduct of Georgia educators.

World Language Fields (P-12)

- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Mandarin
- Farsi
- French
- German
- Greek (Classical)
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Turkish
- Urdu

Pathways to Certification

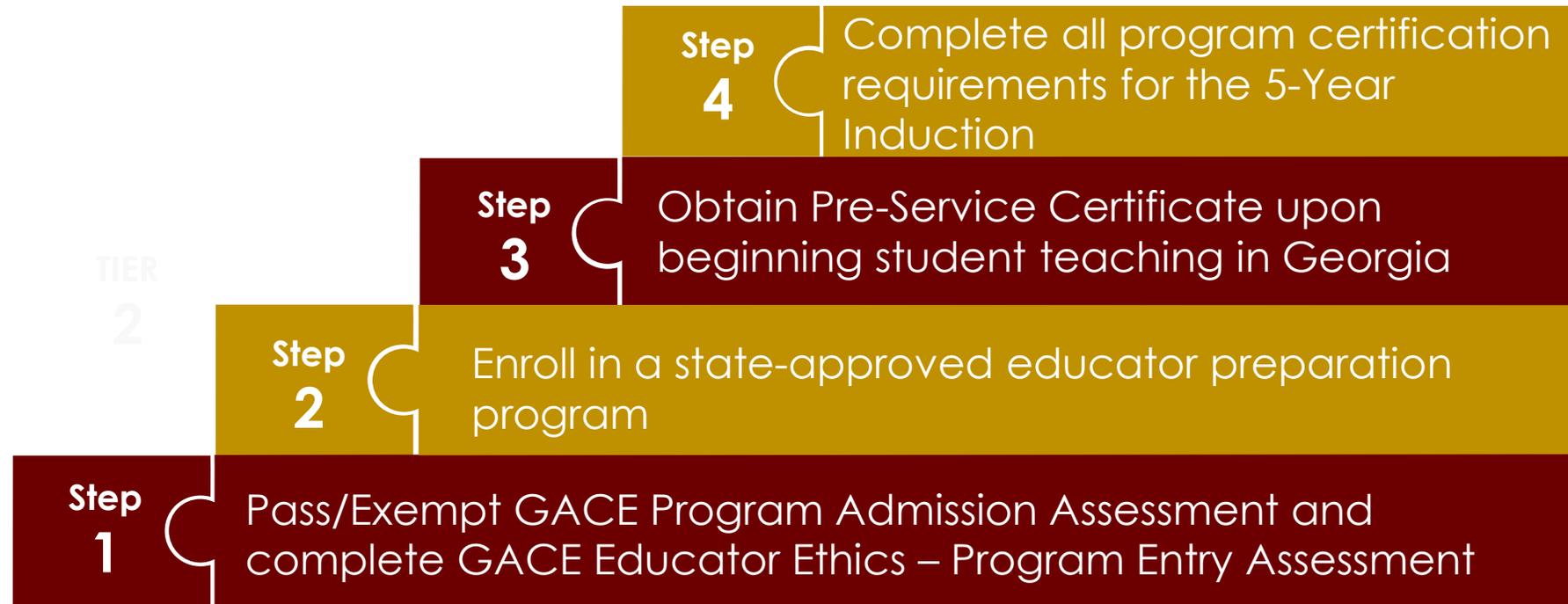
Traditional – For candidates completing a state-approved educator preparation program (to include student teaching) at the bachelor's degree level or higher and begin teaching upon completion of the program.

Non-Traditional – Allows individuals holding a minimum of a bachelor's degree and meeting specific certification criteria to be employed as an educator while completing a state-approved educator preparation program. This option is typically for career switchers and the programs are available through colleges/universities or the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP).

Reciprocity – Educators holding professional certification outside of Georgia based on completion of an approved educator preparation program and student teaching in another state/country.

Permit – Designed for individuals who qualify to teach in specific world language fields based on a combination of specified educational requirements, assessments, and language fluency.

Traditional Pathway



5-Year Induction Certificate

For early career educator who has completed an approved educator preparation program.

Previously titled Induction Pathway 1 and Induction Pathway 2 certificate.

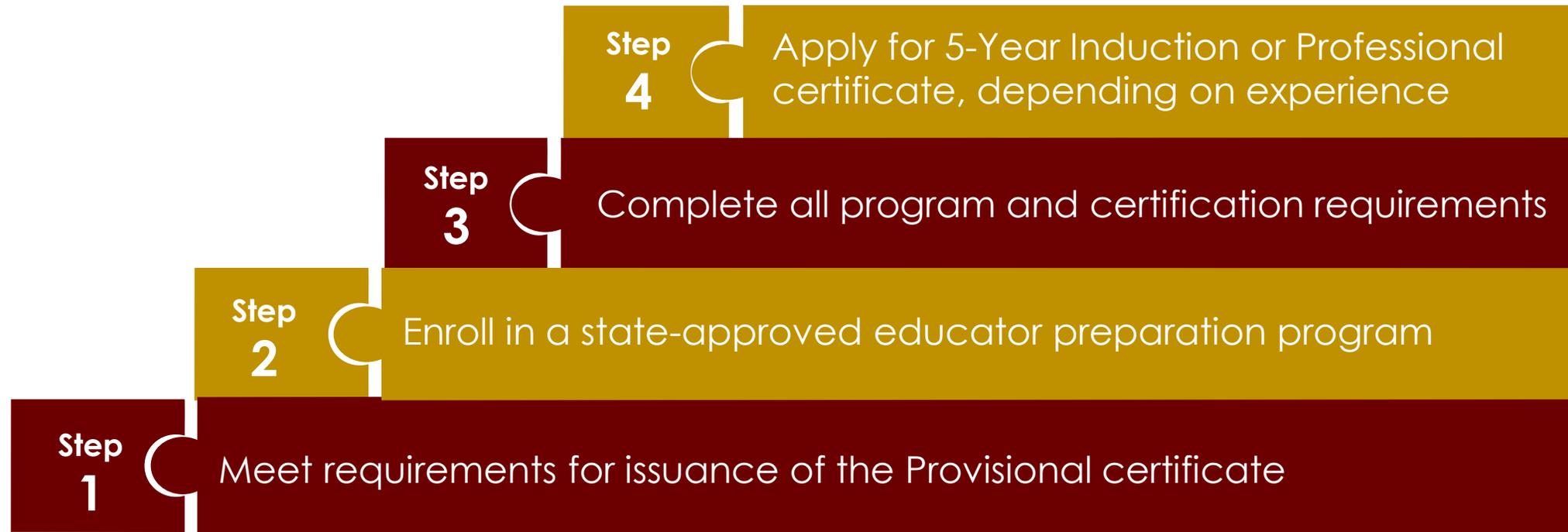
Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher from GaPSC-accepted institution
- Completion of a state-approved educator preparation program
- Completion of a course in the identification and education of exceptional children
- Passing score on the following assessments:
 - GACE content area assessment
 - GACE Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Exit
 - GACE Program Admission Assessment, or acceptable exemption scores
 - Content Pedagogy Assessment (EdTPA)

Validity: 5 years

Conversion to Professional: 3 years of successful educator experience

Non-Traditional Pathway



Provisional Certificate

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher from GaPSC-accepted institution with a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA
- Passing score on the GACE content exam
- Passing score on the GACE Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Entry
- Passing score on the GACE Program Admission Assessment, or exemption
- Employment by a Georgia LUA

Validity: 1 year – upon enrolling in a state approved program, the certificate will be extended for a maximum validity of 3 years.

Conversion: Completion of a state-approved program in the field of certification and all special Georgia requirements.

Special Georgia Requirements

- Content area assessment
- Course in identifying and educating exceptional children
- GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment
- Content Pedagogy Assessment (edTPA)
- Standards of Conduct



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Approved Programs Leading to Certification

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 GAPSC-Approved Programs Leading to a first Certificate in the Field GAPSC-Approved Endorsement Programs**Click on the program name below for more information.**[\[Back to List\]](#)

<u>Georgia State University</u>	Show 	GATAPP	Certification-only (post-baccalaureate/non-degree)	Baccalaureate	Master's(M.A.T. or Equivalent)	Specialist	Doctorate
The College of Education							
Teaching Fields							
ART (P-12)		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
BIOLOGY (6-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
BIRTH THROUGH KINDERGARTEN		No	No	Yes	No	No	No
CHEMISTRY (6-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
CHINESE (P-12)		No	Yes	No	No	No	No
EARTH/SPACE SCIENCE (6-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
ECONOMICS (6-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5)		No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
ENGLISH (6-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
ESOL (P-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
FRENCH (P-12)		No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
GEOGRAPHY (6-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
GERMAN (P-12)		No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
HEALTHCARE SCIENCE		No	Yes	No	No	No	No
HISTORY (6-12)		No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
KOREAN (P-12)		No	Yes	No	No	No	No

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Berry College	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Central Savannah River Area RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Chattahoochee-Flint RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Clayton County Public Schools	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Covenant College	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
DeKalb County School District	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
First District RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Forsyth County Schools	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Fulton County Schools	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Georgia Charter Schools Association	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Georgia State University	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Griffin RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Gwinnett County Public Schools	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Kennesaw State University	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Metro RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Middle Georgia RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Muscogee County School District	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
North Georgia RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Northeast Georgia RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Northwest Georgia RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Out-of-State Programs

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Prior to enrolling in a program outside of Georgia, make sure the program will lead to certification in the state where the institution is administratively based.

If student teaching is completed in Georgia, all Georgia assessments are required for certification.

Reciprocity

Applies to educators professionally certified outside of Georgia or who have completed a state-approved educator preparation program and student teaching outside of Georgia.

- Bachelor's degree or higher from GaPSC-accepted institution
- Professional out-of-state certificate or verification of completion of a state-approved educator preparation program
- Passing score on the GACE Educator Ethics Assessment - Program Exit
- One of the following*:
 - Passing score on the out-of-state content area assessment required for certification
 - Verification of five years of successful teaching experience in the field(s) of certification
 - GACE content assessment

*If the applicant does not meet the content assessment requirement or experience exemption, a Georgia employing school system may request a non-renewable type certificate. The certificate will be valid for 1-year to allow for completion of the assessment.

Permit

For native speakers in world language fields.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher from GaPSC-accepted institution
- Fluency in the language
- English proficiency (as determined by employer)
- Passing score on GACE content area assessment OR meeting minimum proficiency on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)
- Passing score on the GACE Educator Ethics - Program Entry
- Employment by a Georgia LUA

Validity: 3 years

Extension:

- Completion of a professional learning plan (PLP)
- Completion of the required special education course
- Passing score on the GACE Program Admission Assessment, or meet exemption requirements
- Employing by a Georgia LUA

Dual Immersion Elementary Education Endorsement

- Issued to world language teachers with an Induction or Professional certificate who are teaching Elementary Education in a world language in a Dual Immersion elementary school.
- The renewable endorsement will require completion of an endorsement program as well as a passing score on the Elementary Education GACE. Educators may be issued a Non-Renewable endorsement based on passing the Elementary Education GACE.



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