

World Language Certification Overview

This session presentation was provided to individuals seeking information on the pathways to becoming a certified world language or dual language immersion teacher in Georgia in March of 2022. . Please note: certification requirements do change occasionally but you can always stay up to date by directly visiting the PSC website.

**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

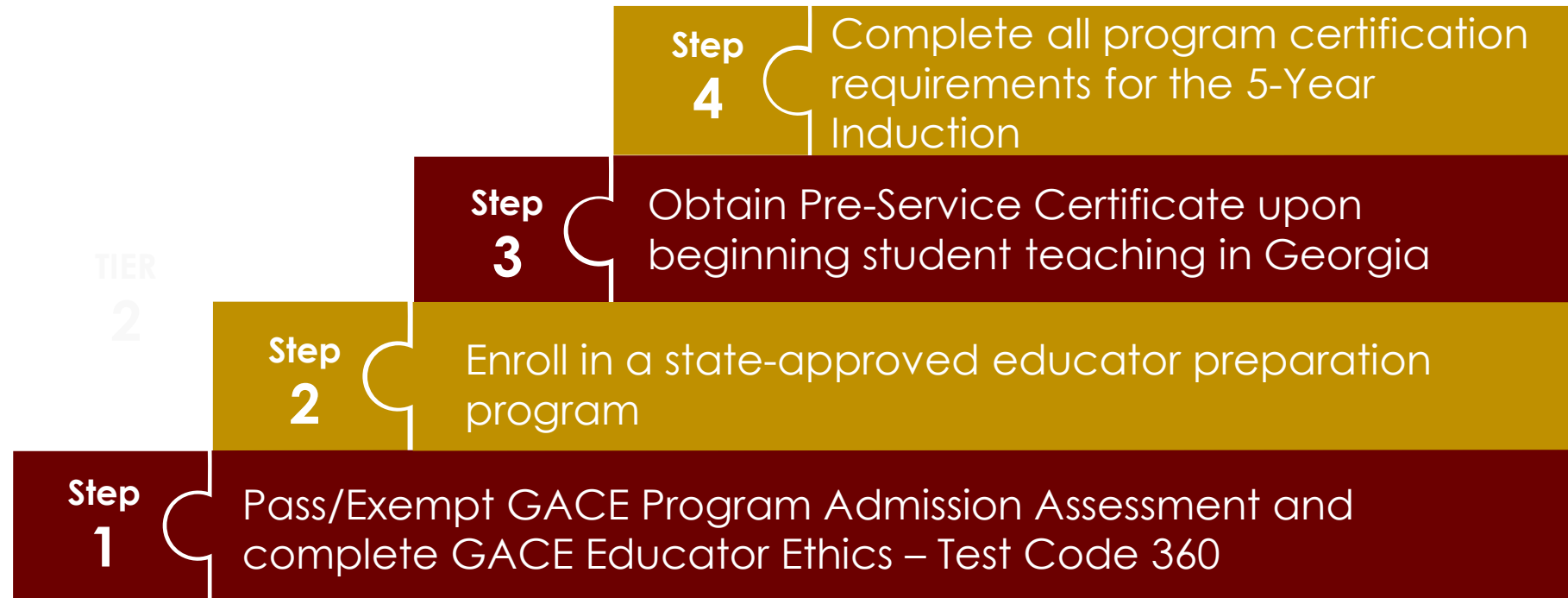
Traditional – For candidates completing a state-approved educator preparation program (to include student teaching) at the bachelor's degree level or higher and begin teaching upon completion of the program.

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.

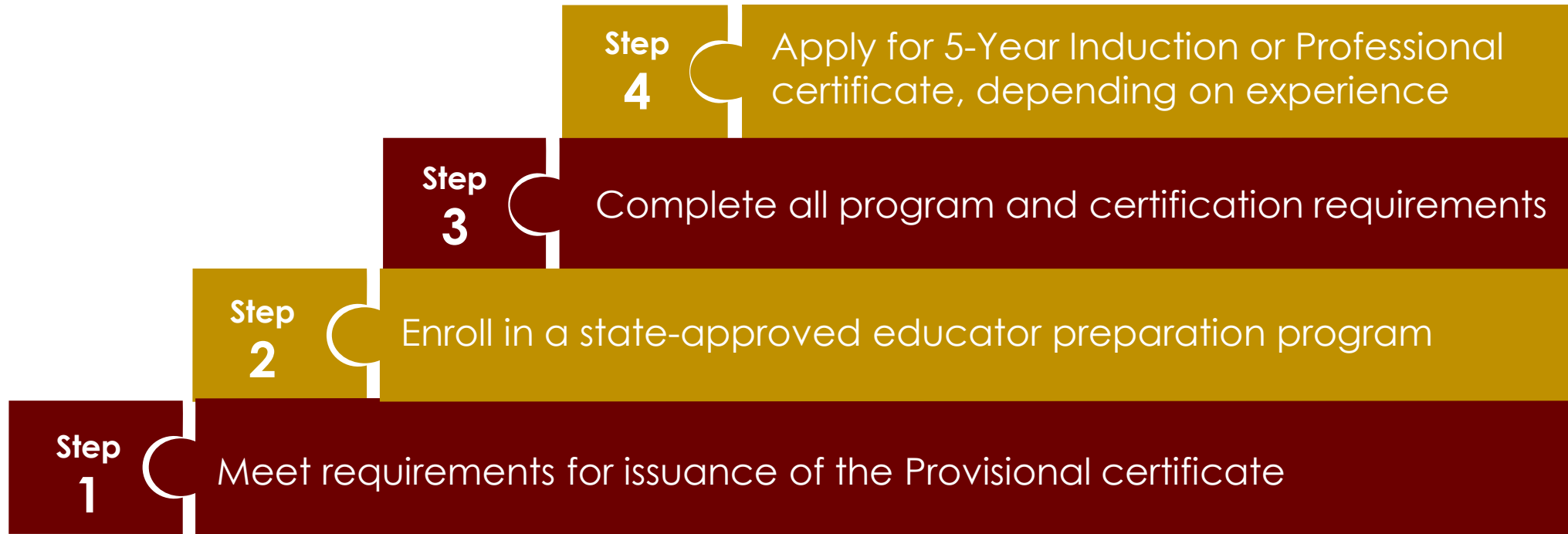
Qualifications:

- 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 – Test Code 360
 - GACE Program Admission Assessment, or acceptable [exemption scores](#)

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 – Test Code 360
- 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 Assessment
- Standards of Conduct

Certification Status

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Approved Programs Leading to Certification

Do you need to earn Georgia certification or add a field or endorsement to your Georgia certificate? Use this search tool to view the list of GaPSC-approved certification programs and endorsement programs. You can search by *provider* or *certification field*. Programs offered by out-of-state institutions are not included here because they are not approved by GaPSC.

GaTAPP (Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy) is an alternative route to teacher certification for individuals seeking to become a Georgia educator who hold a degree in a field other than education. For program details, please visit the [GaTAPP page](#).

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Search GaPSC-approved Educator Preparation Providers and Programs

- Select by Provider - ▾

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- Select by Certification Field - ▾

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Teaching Fields

ART (P-12)	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
BIOLOGY (6-12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
BIRTH THROUGH KINDERGARTEN	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
CHEMISTRY (6-12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
ECONOMICS (6-12)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
ENGLISH (6-12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
GEOGRAPHY (6-12)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
HISTORY (6-12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MATHEMATICS (6-12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MIDDLE GRADES (4-8) - LANGUAGE ARTS	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MIDDLE GRADES (4-8) - MATH	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MIDDLE GRADES (4-8) - SCIENCE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MIDDLE GRADES (4-8) - SOCIAL SCIENCE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
MUSIC (P-12)	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
PHYSICS (6-12)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
POLITICAL SCIENCE (6-12)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
SCIENCE (6-12)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
SP ED GENERAL CURRICULUM (P-12) CONSULTATIVE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
SPANISH (P-12)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM / ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5)	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

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Albany State University	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Augusta University	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Berry College	No	Yes	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
Columbus State University	No	Yes	Yes	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 College and State University	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Georgia Southern University	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Georgia State University	No	Yes	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
LaGrange College	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Mercer University	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Metro RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Middle Georgia RESA	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Middle Georgia State University	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
Muscogee County School District	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 – Test Code 360
- 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 – Test Code 360
- Employment by a Georgia LUA

Validity: Initial Permit -3 years; Renewed Permit-5 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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