

## 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 Amber Socaciu at [amber.socaciu@ngresa.org](mailto:amber.socaciu@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](http://www.ngresa.org)



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## GaTAPP

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## What is Alternative Certification?

The **North Georgia RESA Alternative Preparation Program** is a classroom-based teacher preparation option for individuals who have the basic qualifications to teach. It is an alternative option for individuals who hold a bachelor's degree or higher but who did not complete teacher education requirements as part of their degree programs and have never been certified in any state. It is an intense internship/induction program that seeks to equip teacher-candidates with the skills to ensure a reasonable expectation of initial success in their classrooms. It puts in place a supervised internship/induction program that will help teacher-candidates move toward subsequent mastery of teaching.

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We believe that an effective *Teacher Alternative Preparation Program* provides unique opportunities to use advanced learning in real school situations. It provides planned field experiences with supervision. It provides research-based, comprehensive content. It provides interaction with other learners and exemplary instructors.

We believe that every teacher candidate should be prepared to recognize the diversity that each learner brings to the education process and modify the learning environment to accommodate values and culture of the learner, individual learning styles, and personal experiences, as well as talents and interests.



## 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 aid 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**.

## Fees and Tuition

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

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

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 <i>(Only if necessary to complete CST)</i>

This cost includes tuition, books, supervisor, and mentor fees.

## Tuition Breakdown

### General Education

Year 1 Tuition - \$2,250.00

*(Due Sept. 1 of year 1)*

Year 2 Tuition - \$2,250.00

*(Due Sept. 1 of year 2)*

### Special Education

Year 1 Tuition \$2,400.00

*(Due Sept. 1 of year 1)*

Year 2 Tuition - \$2,400.00

*(Due Sept. 1 of year 2)*

### Elementary Education

Year 1 Tuition \$2,400.00

*(Due Sept. 1 of year 1)*

Year 2 Tuition - \$2,400.00

*(Due Sept. 1 of year 2)*

### Additional Fees for PSC required coursework:

HB 671	\$350.00/\$100.00*	All Participants
Teaching of Reading and Writing	\$350.00/\$100.00*	ECE/SPED Middle Grades
Nature and Needs of the Middle School Learner	\$350.00/\$100.00*	Middle Grades

*\*If Enrolled within GaTAPP and job-embedded.*