

What is Alternative Certification?

The North Georgia RESA Alternative Preparation Program is a classroom-based teacher preparation program 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.

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 Support

- **Goal of GaTAPP:** Equip teacher candidates with essential skills for classroom success through targeted training.
- **Induction Program:** Combines training with on-the-job learning, supported by supervisors, mentors, and administrators.
- **Candidate Strengths:** Supervisors and mentors identify candidates' skills and talents from prior experiences to ease the transition to teaching.
- **Ongoing Assessment:** Candidate knowledge, performance, and dispositions are evaluated through classroom observations, mentoring, cohort training, and collaborative discussions.
- **Data-Driven Support:** Collected data identifies weaknesses and informs differentiated support strategies.
- **Tailored Interventions:** Provide seminars, additional coursework, and individual supports to address specific needs and enhance teaching proficiency.
- **Outcome:** Novice teachers advance in content knowledge, pedagogy, and professional dispositions, aligning with North Georgia RESA's mission and beliefs.



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Key Features of GaTAPP

- **Flexible Career Path:** Work as teachers while working on certification
- **Flexibility & Accessibility:** Coursework and professional development sessions are designed to accommodate the working professional
- **Comprehensive Support:** Candidate Support Team throughout the program
- **Competency-Based:** Knowledge and skills developed through evidence-based assessments and observations
- **Field-Specific Preparation:** Receive targeted training for specific teaching fields



What is GaTAPP?

An alternative certification program for teachers.

GaTAPP 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 provides area school systems with an alternative certification pathway to certify teachers they hire.

Who is GaTAPP for?

- Individuals who wish to transition into teaching from another career path.
- Individuals who did not complete a teacher education program.
- Individuals who have never held a clear and renewable (professional) teaching certificate.

Fees and Tuition

All costs include tuition, books, supervisor, and mentor fees.



Application fee - \$75.00



Tuition Down Payment - \$1,000.00



Essentials of Effective Teacher - Summer Course - \$650.00



2-year Tuition: \$6,000.00

Application Fee, Tuition Down Payment, and Essentials of Effective Teacher fees due at enrollment.