



GRiffin REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

# Welcome to the Griffin RESA GATAPP Information Session!

**Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy**

**Dr. Stephanie Gordy, Executive Director**

**Ms. Mollie Hall, Alternative Certification Director**

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# Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GATAPP)

An alternative (Non-Traditional) educator preparation program for those that did not complete the teacher certification requirement as part of their degree program.

Candidates teach in the classroom while simultaneously earning their teaching certificate.



# Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GATAPP)

- Helps address teacher shortage issues or to fill high need areas;
- Allows individuals with a Bachelor's degree or higher to earn teacher certification;
- Offered by various program providers throughout Georgia



# Griffin RESA Member Systems

- Butts County
- Fayette County
- Griffin - Spalding County
- Henry County
- Lamar County
- Newton County
- Pike County
- Thomaston -Upson County



# Approved Certification Areas: Middle Grades (4-8)

- Language Arts
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Social Studies





# Approved Certification Areas: Secondary Education (6-12)

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Business Ed.
- Computer Science/Technology Ed.
- Family/Consumer Science
- Political Science





# Approved Certification Areas

- Elementary Education Certification (ECE)
- Elementary/SPED Dual Certification
- Elementary Education Add-on
- Special Education
  - General Curriculum
  - Adaptive Curriculum





# Approved Certification Areas

- Foreign Languages
- Music
- Art
- Dance/Theater
- Heath/Physical Education
- CTAE (Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education)





# TAPP Program Routes

1. Two Years - Typical Route
2. One Year with Requirements Met
3. One Year for Elementary Education Add-on



## GaTAPP

Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy



# TAPP Route #1

## Time Frame and Cost

- Two years
- \$4,800 for Year 1  
(System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$400 per month.)
- \$2,100 for Year 2  
(System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$175 per month.)

## Requirements

- Minimum of Bachelor's Degree
- Passing score GACE II Content Assessment
- Passing score GACE Ethics #360



# TAPP Route #2

## Time Frame and Cost

- One year
- \$4,800 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$400 per month.)

## Requirements

- Meet Route 1 Requirements
- Any of these requirements:
  - Two or more years on a provisional certificate in a PK-12 accredited school
  - Master's Degree of Education in Content Area
  - Receiving CTAE Certification



# TAPP Route #3

## Elementary Add-on Certification

### Time Frame and Cost

- One year
- \$2,700 (System Payroll Deduction over 12 months of \$225 per month.)

### Requirements

- Pass GACE II in Early Childhood Education
- Hold a P-5 position with one of our member systems
- Already hold a teaching certificate



# Thank you!

- Payroll Deduction through regional schools.
- This agreement with the systems will help alleviate the financial hardship on TAPP candidates.
- If a candidate withdraws from TAPP, he/she will be responsible for repayment to the system. We do not offer refunds for TAPP Tuition.



# TAPP Support

- Griffin RESA TAPP Field Supervisor
- School Based Mentor
- 7+ classroom observations with feedback from your support team each year
- 100+ hours of instruction
  - Classroom Management
  - Curriculum
  - Assessment
  - Social/Emotional Learning
  - Differentiated Instruction
  - Ethics/Professionalism
  - Special Education
  - Lesson Planning





# TAPP Entry Requirement

- **GACE Content**

- You can register for all GACE testing here: <https://gace.ets.org> or by calling 855-225-7178.
- Before registering for a GACE assessment, you will create a profile on [MyPSC account](#) and request testing eligibility in the Assessments tab. Since you are not enrolled in a Georgia educator preparation program yet, your testing eligibility will be automatically granted.

- **GACE Ethics 360**

- Completed Online.
- No studying required.



# Completion Requirements

- Proficient Portfolio and Griffin RESA Assessment of Competencies
- Proficient Observations by the TAPP Field Supervisor
- Proficient Observations by the Building Level Administrator
- Completed Classroom Observations by School Mentor.
- Completion of Required Coursework.
- Attend monthly TAPP Seminars.



# Required Coursework

## All Certifications

- Identification of the Exceptional Child
- Understanding and Support the Dyslexic Learner
- Technology 101
- Science of Reading Literacy Requirements
- Any additional assigned Professional Learning as needed.



## Specific Certifications

- The Teaching of Reading (P-12) – (ELE, ELE/SPED, MG and 6-12 Content)
- Nature and Needs of the Middle Grades Learner (Middle Grades Content only)
- Demonstration of Reading Foundations (Elementary Education, SPED/ELE Dual, MG Reading)





# Griffin RESA TAPP

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Total # of Interns	154	155	185	150	135 79, 49 7 in year 3 not in data
% in Elementary School	34%	37%	41%	48%	52% 1 in K-8 Music
% in Middle School	35%	30%	27%	28%	28%
% in High School	31%	33%	32%	24%	19%

Griffin RESA TAPP Program supports 21 teaching fields this year. 11% of TAPP interns are in the field of Special Education.



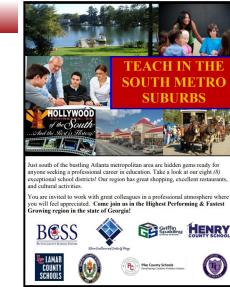
# Next steps:

- Complete the GACE Content and Ethics Assessment
- Once tests are passed, ask to be added to the Pre-TAPP list.
- Summer Essentials:
  - Session 1: June 2-13, 2025
  - Session 2: June 16 - 27, 2025
  - Session 3: July 7 - 18, 2025



# Recruitment

- Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025
- Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Location: Luella High School  
603 Walker Drive, Locust Grove, Georgia



**What to bring with you:** At least 15 copies of a one-page resume to provide System Human Resources and School Representatives.

Representatives from the Griffin RESA TAPP (Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy) will also be on hand to answer questions for eligible participants.



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Thank you for your interest in the Griffin GATAPP Program.





# For more information:

- [www.griffinresa.net](http://www.griffinresa.net)
- [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com)
- [www.gace.ets.org](http://www.gace.ets.org)



# Meeting with Alt. Cert.

If you have not, please complete this survey and include your resume:





# Meeting with Alt. Cert.

- The Alternative Certification Team will go to a breakout room.
- You will be moved to the room once a space becomes available.
- Don't want to wait? Feel free to contact us!