

Georgia TAPP

Details of the Program

The Georgia Teacher Alternative Preparation Program® (Georgia TAPP) is a classroom-based teacher preparation option for individuals who have the basic qualifications to teach early childhood, middle-grades, secondary or P-12 education but have not completed a teacher preparation program. The program is not intended to replace regular college teacher education programs. It is, instead, 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. Georgia TAPP seeks to equip teacher-candidates with the skills to ensure a reasonable expectation of initial success in their classrooms, and to put in place a supervised internship/induction program that will help them move toward subsequent mastery of teaching.

Program Eligibility:

To qualify:

1. Must have a minimum of a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university that supports the field in which the candidate is seeking certification.
2. Must have a 2.5 GPA or above.
3. Must have a minimum score on the SAT (1000), ACT (43), or GRE (1030) or pass the Praxis I or GACE Basic Skills Assessment. (PRAXIS I passing scores prior to September 1, 2006 will be accepted).
4. Must have a satisfactory criminal background check.
5. Must have a passing score on the Praxis II or GACE Content Test. (PRAXIS II content assessment passing scores prior to September 1, 2006 will be accepted).
6. Have a job offer in a Southwest Georgia RESA area school system.

TAPP is a two-year program but may be extended to a third year if requested by RESA and the employing school system. The TAPP candidate and/or school system must make arrangements to pay all program fees.

If eligible then the TAPP candidate will be required to participate in a two week Essentials of Effective Teaching Course.

Southwest Georgia RESA is approved to offer training leading to certification in the following areas:

Middle Grades (4-8): Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies

Secondary (6-12): English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies

Art (P-12)

Health/PE (P-12)

Business Education (6-12)

Interrelated Special Education (P-12)

Foreign Language(P-12)

Music (P-12)
