

Education Major

Junior-Senior FAQs

- **When can I take my GACE Content Assessment?**
 - Once you have applied for your final internship placement in Tk20 and it has been approved by the Office of Field Experiences, wait to receive an email from NoReply@gapsc.com saying that you are eligible to take your GACE Content Assessment. You should look at taking it no later than halfway through your final internship semester to avoid any potential delays with processing your certification.
 - **History** majors will be eligible to take the GACE Content Assessment upon initial admission to Teacher Education.
- **When should I apply for graduation?**
 - The application for graduation including payment of the graduation fee must be completed during the semester immediately preceding the student's planned semester of graduation.
 - Undergraduate Graduation Application
Deadlines:
 - Spring Graduation - October 1
 - Summer Graduation - March 1
 - Fall Graduation - August 1
- **How do I apply for graduation?**
 - Visit <https://www.westga.edu/student-services/registrar/graduation.php> for the steps you need to follow to apply for graduation.



- **What costs are associated with the end of my program?**

Fee	Amount	Where do I pay it?
UWG Graduation Fee	\$40	Paid to UWG when you complete your graduation application.
GACE Content Assessment	\$193 (Test I and Test II combined) or \$246 (Test I and Test II taken individually)	Paid to ETS when you register for the assessment.

Registration for all tests must be completed at least two full days before the test date (not including the day of registration and the day of the test). There is no set registration period for the Georgia Ethics; they can be taken at any time.

Future Plans

- **What should I do if I want to attend Graduate School?**
 - Research the admission requirements, deadlines, and possible Financial Aid (scholarships, loans, Graduate Assistantships, etc.) at the school you wish to attend.
 - For UWG, check with the Graduate School:
<https://www.westga.edu/academics/gradstudies/index.php>

- **How do I get my teaching certificate?**
 - Approximately one month prior to graduation, you will receive an email with application information from the COE Certification Official.

- **What if I want to certify to teach in another field?**
 - To add any new teaching field to an existing level four (4) or higher Induction or professional teaching certificate, an individual must pass the appropriate GACE content assessment(s) in the new field at the induction level or higher except for the fields of Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education P-5 and Elementary Education P-5. The fields of Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education and Elementary Education require completion of a state approved educator preparation program in the field.

- **Where do I start looking for teaching jobs?**
 - TeachGeorgia (<https://www.teachgeorgia.org/>) is the official state database (maintained by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission) of all certified position vacancies in Georgia public schools. All position vacancies and job fair information are posted and managed by the school systems. Educators registered for a Teach Georgia account can complete and save an online resume and search for and apply for positions through the website.
 - The UWG Career Services Job Fair for Education majors usually takes place in February each year. Potential employers will each have a booth. They may just provide information about their school or school system, or they may interview students for open positions. Career Services has also offered an opportunity for students to take a professional headshot at the fair in the past.
 - If schools contact the College of Education about job postings, we will share the information on our COE Advisement Center Twitter (@COEGetAdvised) and Facebook (<fb.me/COEGetAdvised>) pages.