Georgia educator ethics assessment

Overview
An assessment dealing with ethics – divided into two parts – is now required for people who want to become teachers in Georgia:

1. Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry (test code 350): required prior to beginning an initial certification program (such as a master of arts in teaching program)
2. Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit (test code 360): required prior to completing an initial certification program

The goal is to help future educators become familiar with, understand and apply the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators, as well as comprehend and embrace the principles of ethical decision-making in an educational context.

The assessment consists of a series of seven (7) interactive modules that combine instruction about real-life scenarios with end-of-module tests. The modules focus on professionalism in education – in teachers' relationships with their students, their schools and their communities – as well as on ethical understanding to guide decision-making and the specific regulations and expectations faced by educators.

Test accessibility
The assessment can be accessed from any computer or tablet that has Internet access.

No time limit
Each module should take approximately 30 minutes; however, there is no time limit.

Cost
Each of the two sections costs $30. (The fee is not refundable.)

Ethics Program Entry (test code 350) – REQUIRED for admission

Who must take the test
Anyone entering an initial certification program in fall semester 2014 must take the assessment prior to December 31, 2014.

 Anyone entering an initial certification program after fall semester 2014 must take the assessment prior to program admission.

Scoring
Although there is no passing score, all training modules and end-of-module tests must be completed to receive credit for taking the test.

Registration instructions
2. Select “7” as the reason for testing: “You are taking the Georgia Educator Ethics assessment.” (This makes you eligible to take the test.)
3. Wait (usually a day or two) for the GaPSC to send your eligibility information to ETS (the test agency).
4. Receive an email from ETS with a link to the Educator Ethics assessment system.
5. Access the Educator Ethics assessment system
   a. Create an account (The registration system is different from other GACE assessments.)
   b. Register and pay for the assessment.

Score reporting
Make sure to add Armstrong State University as a score recipient when you register.

Ethics Program Exit (test code 360) – NOT REQUIRED for admission; required for program completion

Who must take the test
Anyone who completes an educator-preparation program after January 1, 2015 must pass the ethics exit test prior to program completion in order to qualify for an induction certification or a certificate of eligibility.

Scoring
The score report will indicate “Passed” or “Not Passed” (with no score included). You have five attempts to pass each end-of-module test and an end-of-course test before another fee must be paid to regain access to the test.

Registration instructions

1. Obtain Armstrong College of Education approval (eligibility) to take the test
2. Create or update your MyPSC account at www.gapsc.com.
3. Select “2” as the reason for testing: “Your scores will automatically be sent to the GaPSC and your program provider.”
4. Wait (usually a day or two) for the GaPSC to send your eligibility information to ETS (the test agency).
5. Receive an email from ETS with a link to the Educator Ethics assessment system.
6. Access the Educator Ethics assessment system
   a. Create an account – if you do not already have an educator ethics assessment account (The registration system is different from other GACE assessments.
   b. Register and pay for the assessment.

Score reporting
Program providers automatically receive scores for test takers who indicate Reason 2 as their reason for testing. You do not need to add Armstrong as a score recipient.