GACE testing for graduate post-bac art education programs

GACE program admission and content assessments

Overview
There are two kinds of GACE (Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators) tests: the program admission assessment (three tests) and content assessments (two tests).

GACE assessments
The GACE program admission assessment consists of three basic tests: reading, math and writing. Everyone wishing to become a Georgia teacher must pass all three tests or qualify for an exemption. The passing score on each test is 250.

The GACE content assessment for every field (except middle grades) consists of two tests. Everyone wishing to become a teacher must pass the content assessment for their field. There are no exemptions; however, the GACE art content assessment is not required until the semester prior to the graduate internship. Scoring at least 220, call “induction level” is required to move forward into the Graduate internship and “Professional level” (scoring above 250) is required after becoming a teacher.

Program admission assessment exemptions
One of the following can serve as an exemption for the program admission assessment:

- SAT score of 1000 (Critical Reading/Verbal and Math combined)
- ACT score of 43 (English and Math combined)
- GRE score of 297 (Verbal and Quantitative combined) – or 1,030 before 8/1/11
- Passing score on PRAXIS I or composite score of 526 if taken before 3/5/07
- Master’s degree or above from an accredited institution (This exemption expires 7/1/15.)

Costs
Program admission assessment:
- A single test -- $78
- Any combination of two tests on the same day -- $103
- All three tests on the same day -- $128

Content assessment:
- A single test -- $123
- Both tests on the same day -- $193

Test information and registration
Everything needed to learn about GACE assessments (including free study guide questions) and register for tests (including finding test dates and locations) can be found at www.gace.ets.org.

Before registering for a test, create a MyPSC account (to obtain a Georgia certification identification number, which is needed to register for a GACE test) on the www.gapsc.com website.
Individuals applying for graduate programs do not need school approval in order to register.

**Selecting a test date**
For the 2014-2015 school year, GACE testing will take place on weekdays and weekends during the following periods (called "testing windows"):
- October: 17-31
- November: 1-5 and 14-23
- December: no testing
- January: 9-28
- February: 6-25
- March: 6-25
- April: 10-18 and 21-30
- May: 1 and 8-27 and 29-31
- June: 1-17

If needed, a test can be retaken after 30 days.

**Finding a test location**
Tests can be taken at test centers in Georgia, across the United States and throughout the world. From the www.gace.ets.org home page, under “Quick Links,” click on “Test Centers and Dates.” Enter the zip code for U.S. locations or select a country for international locations. In Savannah, the test is offered at Armstrong and at the Prometric Test Center (located in the Sylvan Learning Center, building 100, in the Central Park complex) at 340 Eisenhower Drive.

**Test codes to use when registering**
- Program admission – Reading (200), Math (201), Writing (202) or Combined (700)
- Art Education – Test I (109), Test II (110) or Combined (609)

**How to find the free study guides**
1. Go to www.gace.ets.org
2. On the right side of that page, click on "Get Official GACE Test Preparation Resources."
3. Near the top of that page, click on "Test Prep Materials."
4. In the dropdown menu box ("Select an assessment"), select the study guide you want: "Program Admission" or the specific content assessment (such as "Science”).
5. In the Study Companions section, click on the PDF file to download the study guide.

Interactive practice tests also are available if you want to purchase them. A subscription for each test (not each assessment) costs $15. A subscription is good for 10 uses or for 90 days after the first use, whichever comes first.

**Questions**
Contact ETS GACE customer service at 855-225-7178 (7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern) or gace_inquiries@ets.org for questions about assessments, registration, test dates, etc.
Contact Greg Dziuban at greg.dziuban@armstrong.edu or 912-344-2568 about admission to Armstrong graduate programs.