

Fees/Costs for Pursuing an Initial Renewable Teaching Certification in Georgia

The Georgia Department of Education requires that several assessments must be attempted or passed in order to obtain an initial teaching licensure in Georgia. These assessments must be completed at different stages in the preparation program. A list of costs associated with obtaining initial teaching licensure in Georgia is listed below. **These costs are in addition to the cost for tuition, fees, room, and other expenses required to attend VSU and may not be exhaustive.** This list provides costs based on the assumption that the student successfully attempts/passes all assessments on the first attempt.

In order to be successful during program approval and accreditation review as well as for continuous improvement purposes, the College of Education and Human Services uses a system called Anthology Portfolio to house its college assessments, program assessments, field evaluations, and college surveys for educator preparation programs. A Student Teaching Fee is assessed during the semester of clinical practice to fund professional development opportunities for the teacher candidates and mentor teachers throughout clinical experiences.

Fees/Costs Required Prior to or at Admission into Program

\$128	Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Educators (GACE) Program Admission Assessment ¹
\$30	Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment
\$30 - \$350	Personal Liability Insurance (must be maintained while enrolled in program) ² : For Not-Currently-Employed Teachers: \$30-45 (\$15/year): SPAGE Membership for Liability Insurance (https://membership.pageinc.org/) For Currently-Employed Teachers without a District Waiver: \$350 (\$175/year for 2 years): PAGE Membership for Liability Insurance (https://membership.pageinc.org/)

Fees/Costs Required at End of Program Prior to or During Clinical Practice

\$193	GACE Content Assessments ³
\$100	Student Teaching Fee

Total Estimated Cost: \$481 - \$801

¹ *Students can exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment via several methods. See the VSU website for more information.*

² *Students can obtain personal liability insurance from a variety of organizations. Professional Association for Georgia Educators (PAGE) is an example organization, and this organization's costs are provided. Teacher candidates employed in a school district can provide evidence of liability insurance through his/her school district by completing the liability insurance district waiver form. There is no cost for this form but not every district is willing to sign the waiver. Please see your program advisor for more information.*

³ *The M.A.T. Middle Grades Education and M.A.T. Secondary Education programs require the GACE Content Assessment to be passed prior to program admission. For candidates in these programs, this assessment is completed prior to program admission instead of prior to or during clinical practice.*