NEWTON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
-seeking highly qualified educators

STEPS TO BECOMING A TEACHER WITH PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

The following is required to obtain a provisional certificate (Induction Pathway 4 teaching certificate):

- Register for MyPSC account at: www.gapsc.com go to upper right hand corner and click on “Register” and follow the prompts
- Hold a bachelor’s degree or higher
- Hold a 2.5 GPA or higher
- Pass the GACE Program Admission Assessment OR Exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment with a qualifying SAT, ACT or GRE score. GACE Program Admission Assessments – GACE 210- Reading, GACE 211- Math and GACE 212- Writing or the combined assessment GACE 710

Qualifying exemption scores to exempt taking the GACE Program Admission Assessment are one of the following:
- SAT: 1000 or higher- combined Verbal/Critical Reading and Math scores. (Please note the PSC the qualifying SAT exemption score changed for tests taken 7/1/2019 and after from 1000 to 1080, effective 7/1/2019)
- ACT: 43 or higher- combined English and Math scores
- GRE: 297 or higher – combined Verbal and Quantitative scores

- Pass the GACE content Assessment- (This is the area that you desire to teach.)
- Pass the GACE Educator Ethics Exit Assessment (GACE 360) - This assessment can be taken at home or anywhere that you have internet access. It is not graded, but must be completed

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- You will need to answer some questions about taking the assessment. The PSC has to approve you to take the assessments, but they need to know what route you are going and why you want to take the tests.

- Once the PSC has approved you to register for the tests then you will go to www.gace.ets.org to register for an account with them and then you can register for the test the PSC approved you to take.

- Last but not least, then you will need to enroll in a certification program. It can be a college program or the state TAPP program. The TAPP program is a state program that enables you to complete the education requirements for certification. TAPP is a two year program.
Links to check if the college is PSC approved:
Georgia Approved Certification Programs:
https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/ApprovedPrograms/EducationApprovedPrograms.aspx OR www.gapsc.com (Go to Prospective Educators and GAPSC Approved Educator Preparation Programs
PSC approved Programs (CHEA and US DOE):
https://www.gapsc.com/ProspectiveEducator/acceptedAccredition.aspx OR
USDOE: www.ed.gov
CHEA: www.chea.org

A provisional teaching certificate is good for three years. You will have three years to complete your certification program requirements. It is better to complete the requirements to convert to a provisional before three years. The provisional pay for an educator with a bachelor’s degree is BT4, Step E, 0,1,2 years on the certified pay scale. You remain on Step E with a provisional, but as soon as you convert you move to the next step, T4/Step 1, 3 years for completing the TAPP program or a certification only program OR T5/Step 1, 3 years if you earned a master’s degree through a certification master’s degree program (The program needs to be a certification program in the field of certification you are teaching).

Newton County Schools certified salary scale: is on our website at www.newtoncountyschools.org
Go to Departments
• Human Resources
• Salary Schedules- Certified is for teachers
Newton County Schools Employment Opportunities:
https://www.newtoncountyschools.org/jobs/job_center

I hope this information helps you. Good luck in your endeavor to become a teacher!!!