UGA Department of Dance
Updated 4/2018
PROFESSIONAL TRACK P-12 TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The following are updated steps and deadlines for applying to the Teacher Certification Professional Track in Dance through the UGA Department of Dance.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

(NEW!) UGA DANCE CERTIFICATION DEADLINES:
NOVEMBER 1st for following Fall Semester
MAY 1st for following Spring Semester
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UGA APPLICATION DEADLINES:
July 1: Fall semester
Nov 1: Spring semester
April 1 Maymester, extended summer
May 1: Summer session

Step 1: INQUIRIES

The Department of Dance Certification Coordinator for the Professional Track welcomes inquiries ongoing:
Professor Rebecca Gose, renghaus@uga.edu, or 706-542-4431.

Step 2: SUBMIT APPLICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF DANCE

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Undergraduate degree (preferably in Dance). Minimum GPA 2.5
Grade "C" or higher in dance courses counting toward certification entry as well as dance and education courses throughout the duration of the program

APPLICATION: For initial application, you must submit the following by the biannual deadline:
-- Teacher Certification Professional Track Application
--All relevant transcripts, including entry GPA
-- Application and 250-300-word statement of intent
-- Resume
-- GACE test scores or proof of exemption from test scores (ACT: 43; SAT: 1000, or as of July 1, 2019: 1080)

Deadlines:
November 1 for (for FALL semester, beginning in August);
May 1 (for SPRING semester, beginning in January)

Once you have received initial acceptance, you must then obtain the following:

1. **Preservice Certificate** (see link below): If not teaching in a school full time or possessing if she doesn't hold an Induction Pathway 4 certificate **or** professional certificate or permit in the state of Georgia, a candidate must obtain a **preservice certificate**. There are several components to this certificate and it can take anywhere from 1-3 months to complete.
2. You will need your **GACE scores** (see link below) or exhibited competency test scores in order to receive a preservice certificate. Those who will need to take the GACE exam should add 1-2 months onto that preparatory time before application deadline in order to locate and take a scheduled GACE exam near them and receive scores.
3. Disposition Assessment I (prompted, online module)
4. Child Abuse & Neglect, FERPA (prompted, online) training

Step 3: (POST ACCEPTANCE)- CREATING INDIVIDUAL TIMELINE

Once ALL application materials have been submitted and your application is accepted (notification takes approx. 3-4 weeks) candidate, in consultation with the coordinator, will create an optimal timeline and strategy for meeting deadlines, and completing all course work, field experiences, and clinical practice. Because each candidate has different course needs, and strategies, there is no cohort system and these timelines will be unique to each individual.

Step 4: ENACT PLAN FOR COURSE WORK, FIELD EXPERIENCES

Stay on track with the course plans made. Notify coordinator of any changes immediately. Deadlines for field experience placements through the Office of Experiential Learning in the College of Education are several months before semester begins; therefore, planning ahead and notifying coordinator of changes is vital.
Foliotek (online portfolio assessment) (See link below): You must subscribe at the beginning of semester prior to student teaching.

Step 5: ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT TEACHING READINESS

You will meet with the coordinator/advisor to check the following:

- Grade "C" or higher in all required courses; GPA 2.5 or higher
- All course work complete
- Registered for Foliotek
- Field experiences complete
- Dispositions Assessment II
- edTPA orientation/preparation Seminar

Step 6: CLINICAL PRACTICE SEMESTER

- edTPA (accessed through Foliotek)
- GAPSC Exit Ethics Assessment (prompted, online)
- Exit survey (prompted, online)

Step 7: APPLY FOR CERTIFICATE

Once you have successfully passed your student teaching course and the edTPA, and fulfilled exit requirements, you may then take the steps to apply for your Georgia teaching certificate through the Certification Office with Kate Character (ellakate@uga.edu).

HELPFUL INFORMATION AND LINKS FOR PRE-APPLICATION and POST-APPLICATION:

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- **GENERAL LINK TO ALL BELOW: http://epr.coe.uga.edu/candidates/**

- **NON COHORT PROCEDURES FOR FIELD PLACEMENTS:**
  https://coe.uga.edu/academics/field-experience/non-cohort

- **CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES:**
- **(**and checklists for certification)
  https://coe.uga.edu/academics/field-experience/professional-cohort - clinical-practice-guidelines

- **GaPSC:**
- http://epr.coe.uga.edu/gapsc/

- **GACE PROGRAM ADMISSION ASSESSMENT:**
- http://epr.coe.uga.edu/gapsc/gace-information-2/gace-information/

- **ETHICS ASSESSMENTS**
- http://epr.coe.uga.edu/gapsc/ethics-assessments/

- **MY PSC ACCOUNT (REQUIRED FOR PRESERVICE CERT)**
- http://epr.coe.uga.edu/gapsc/mypsc-account/

- **EDTPA:**
  http://epr.coe.uga.edu/candidates/edtpa-for-candidates/

- **FOLIOTEK:**
  http://epr.coe.uga.edu/foliotek/

→ **MY PSC/PRESERVICE CERTIFICATE**: Once you have been notified as accepted, please proceed immediately to completing the steps toward obtaining your pre-service certificate (see MyPSC account link above).

→NOTE: The following courses involve community Field Experiences which require advanced placement procedures, criminal background check and liability insurance or waiver:

DANC 3700 Teaching Children's Dance
DANC 4700 Issues in Dance Education and Pedagogy
DANC 3210 Practicum
DANC 5460 Student teaching

→ Lastly, please be advised that there are costs involved in the preservice certificate, Foliotek ($40.00) and EdTPA ($300.00) not necessarily covered by tuition scholarships or loans.