



MRESA Gifted In-Field Endorsement Description

Metro RESA offers a GaPSC approved Gifted In-Field Endorsement designed to train Candidates to identify and teach gifted students from a variety of cultural, linguistic, and economic backgrounds. This program ensures that its graduates have in-depth knowledge of teaching the gifted and talented students. The assignments, performance tasks, and assessments for each course will serve as the basis for ensuring that candidates have this knowledge.

Program candidates will complete 200 hours of coursework offered in a blended virtual format of synchronous and asynchronous online courses and applied field experiences. Content knowledge will be integrated across courses to help ensure mastery and coverage.

The program consists of 4 Courses with an Internship component embedded within the 4 courses:

- 1. Foundations and Characteristics of the Gifted Learner**
- 2. Identification and assessment of the Gifted Learner**
- 3. Curriculum and Strategies for the Gifted Learner**
- 4. Program Development for Gifted Learners Internship with an E-Portfolio submitted**

The courses must be taken sequentially. Typical program runs through an academic school year, however districts who contract with MRESA may be granted flexibility for start and end dates. Tuition costs per Candidate is \$350 per course (total of \$1,400 per Candidate for the program) plus course materials.

Candidate admission to the Metro RESA Gifted Endorsement Program requires the following:

- Candidates must hold a Standard Professional, Performance-Based Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional Georgia Teaching Certificate. Candidates with an Induction Teaching Certificate must meet the requirements to convert to a Standard certificate as outlined on their Induction certificate. Candidates with a Provisional certificate cannot be accepted.
- Candidates must be recommended for participation in the program by their employing principal. It is strongly suggested that Candidates have at least one year of teaching experience.

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