



The University of Georgia

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

Attention: Professionals Needing Ag Ed Teaching Certification

Ag Ed Alternative Certification Contact Person:

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Georgia Agricultural Education is among the most elite and well-respected programs serving students in the entire nation. Many factors contribute to this distinction, but the foremost factor is the competence and quality of agriculture teachers in Georgia. In order to receive maximum compensation for the hard work and long hours required to achieve this excellence, agriculture teachers have to be officially “certified” to teach agriculture in Georgia. Certification for teaching agriculture must come through an accredited University System of Georgia Institution. The Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication at The University of Georgia can help you become certified to teach agricultural education in Georgia.

If a current or prospective teacher seeking Agricultural Education Certification has a Bachelor’s degree in some area/field of agriculture, completing the following tasks will allow certification to take place:

1. Take and score achieve ALEC’s minimum score on the GRE. Take the following segments of the GRE with a combined score of 800 for non-degree seeking and 850 for degree seeking.
 - a. Verbal
 - b. Quantitative
 - c. Written
1. Apply to The University of Georgia Graduate School (<http://www.gradsch.uga.edu/>)
 - a. When it asks for desired degree write “Master of Agricultural Leadership” or
 - b. If for some reason you do not want the classes to count towards an advanced degree, write “Master of Agricultural Leadership – Non Degree” on the form.
 - c. If “non-degree” option is selected a written explanation for choosing this route must accompany the application.
 - d. A \$50 application fee should also accompany the grad school application.
2. Provide emails for three references. The graduate school will email your references, and ask them to complete an online recommendation form
3. Pass the GACE Basics Test (or test out of it with GRE or SAT score).
4. Pass both GACE II tests in Agriculture.
5. Complete a Special Needs course with your local RESA center or complete EOCS 7750 or SPED 2000 at The University of Georgia.
6. Pass the GACE test for Instructional Technology, or complete Tech requirements with your local school system.

7. Register and complete AGED 6340, AGED 6350 (3 hours) and AGED 6360 (3 hours). See attached schedule below for completing all coursework.
8. Acquire an agricultural education teaching position.
9. Register and complete requirements for 12 hours of AGED 7460, which includes one full year of supervision by University of Georgia agricultural teacher education faculty. For degree seekers, only 3 hours of the 12 may count towards a Masters Degree.
10. Apply to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) for Georgia Agricultural Teacher Certification.

Rotation of required courses for students seeking alternative certification.

AGED 6340	Fall 2010	Dr. King
AGED 6350	Spring 2011	Dr. Peake
AGED 6360	Summer 2011	Dr. Ricketts
AGED 7460 (6 hours)	Fall 2011	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 7460 (6 hours)	Spring 2012	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 6340	Fall 2012	Dr. King
AGED 6350	Spring 2013	Dr. Peake
AGED 6360	Summer 2013	Dr. Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Fall 2013	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Spring 2014	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 6340	Fall 2014	Dr. King
AGED 6350	Spring 2015	Dr. Peake
AGED 6360	Summer 2015	Dr. Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Fall 2015	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Spring 2016	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 6340	Fall 2016	Dr. King
AGED 6350	Spring 2017	Dr. Peake
AGED 6360	Summer 2017	Dr. Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Fall 2017	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Spring 2018	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 6340	Fall 2018	Dr. King
AGED 6350	Spring 2019	Dr. Peake
AGED 6360	Summer 2019	Dr. Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Fall 2019	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts
AGED 7460(6 hours)	Spring 2020	Drs. Duncan, King, Peake, and Ricketts

For any additional information regarding alternative certification in Agricultural Education please contact Jason Peake at jpeake@uga.edu or call at 229.386.3085.