

# EDUCATION MATTERS



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## **ETHICS MEETING FOR FALL 2011 STUDENT TEACHERS**

On April 7, 2011, Attorney Sean DeVetter, Staff Attorney for Professional Association of Georgia Educators, will speak to fall 2011 student teachers on the Ethical Behavior of Teachers in the Classroom and Community.

Professional ethics is a vital component in the life of educators and as such, it is imperative that they recognize and respect the goals, policies and standards in the classroom and community.

Attorney DeVetter will discuss each of the twelve standards in the Code of Ethics for Educators and give explanations and examples of each. A question and answer period will follow his presentation.

## **GACE EVENTS & WORKSHOPS**

### **GACE I WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, February 8 - 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Sheffield-Thompson, Computer Lab 202

### **GACE II WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, February 9 - 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Sheffield-Thompson, Computer Lab 202

### **GACE TEST DATES**

March 26 | May 7 | June 18 | July 16 | Aug. 20

### **IMPORTANT EDUCATION DATES**

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| February 10     | Faculty Meeting  |
| February 11     | Last date to apply for student Teaching Fall 2011      |
| February 14, 15 | Winter Break – no classes                              |
| February 17     | TCC Meeting  |
| February 22     | Floyd County Principals' Luncheon                      |
| March 1         | Midsemester  |
| March 14—18     | Spring Break – no classes                              |
| March 22        | Rome City Principals' Luncheon                         |
| April 6         | Celebrate Shorter                                      |
| April 7         | Ethics Meeting mandatory for all fall student teachers |
| April 14        | Meeting for Fall Student Teachers                      |
| April 22        | Good Friday – no classes                               |

## **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS - EDUCATING STUDENTS IN A CHANGING WORLD**

As educators in the 21st century, we are charged with educating students to be successful in a complex and interconnected world. This responsibility requires post-secondary schools to prepare future teachers for technological, cultural, economic, informational, and demographic changes.

These skills will be necessary for teachers to have as they provide teaching and learning for students:

- Acquire and apply core knowledge and critical-thinking skill sets that are essential in an information age.
- Demonstrate creativity, innovation, and flexibility when partnering with business and community members to advance common goals.
- Make decisions and solve problems ethically and collaboratively.
- Use technology to gather, analyze, and synthesize information for application in a global economy.
- Exhibit positive interpersonal relationships that value multiple languages, cultures, and all persons.
- Display leadership skills that inspire others to achieve, serve, and work together.

As teachers, we must be flexible and embrace innovation and change. We have both the privilege and the responsibility to influence education.

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