

# **Certification Information**

## **Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education**

### **History**

#### **Introduction**

Thank you for your interest in our program at Valdosta State University for you to obtain a professional teaching certificate. To be admitted into a certification program in Middle Grades or one of the Secondary Education fields, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution, have an overall acceptable GPA (2.75 effective fall 2014) based on all college coursework completed (no "forgiveness" policy is applied), have passed or exempted the GACE Program Admission Assessment (formerly known as the Basic Skills Assessment), and have passed the GACE Content Assessment in the content field (e.g., history) at either the induction (i.e., score of 220) or professional (e.g., 250) level. The GACE Program Admission Assessment may be exempted by specific scores on the