



GACE

Training Certification

Curriculum Plan for Georgia Association of Code Enforcement

PURPOSE

The purpose of the GACE Level 1 Certification Program is to provide active members an academic certification of curriculum in accordance with Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia and provide for the education standards as required of Code Enforcement Officials throughout Georgia.

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

GACE EDUCATION STANDARDS and REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

The Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) is a Professional Organization dedicated to establishing responsible Code Enforcement Officials throughout local Governments in Georgia and professional development of its members.

Active members of the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement may receive the GACE LEVEL I Certification of Training Seal upon completing and successfully passing all testing of Required Courses as provided through GACE and administered by UGA, CVIOG. (Level I or Level II). At least four (4) of The following six (6) required curriculum units must account for the initial Certification.

1. Enforcement Techniques and Investigation (6 hours)
2. Legal Aspects in Code Enforcement (9 hours)
3. Preparing a Case for Court (6 hours)
4. Managing the Daily Operations of a Code Enforcement Officer (6 hours)
5. Safety Tactics in Code Enforcement (6 hours)
6. Inspecting, Permitting, and Planning Duties of the Code Enforcement Officer (3 hours)

CERTIFICATION, OFFICIAL RECORD, and RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

As active members enrolled in the approved required courses of GACE, you are responsible for reporting completion and successful passing of all testing requirements. Units of study must be provided to the 2nd Vice President (Curriculum Committee) who validates successful completion of required curriculum. Once records are verified the President issues a letter of completion and a certificate of Certification embossed with the Official GACE Seal.

Official records of certification will be maintained by the 2nd Vice President and the GACE Curriculum Committee.

GACE LEVEL I Certifications must be renewed every two (2) years from the date of Original Issuance of Certification. Active members must maintain 15hrs of required or continuing education units (approved by GACE) per year to receive a Letter of Certification Renewal status. A renewal fee is required in the amount of \$25.00.

APPLICATION & VERIFICATION

Steps to receive Certification or Renewal Status:

1. Submit application for GACE Level 1 Certification or Renewal Certification. The application can be found @ www.gaceonline.com
 - a. Must be an active member of GACE (Dues are valid starting January 1 and ending December 31 of each year)
 - b. For Original Certification: Must have completed four (4) of the approved six (6) required curriculum.
 - c. For Renewal Certification: Must have completed 15hrs of GACE approved curriculum (CEU).
 - d. Must provide proof of attendance/transcripts of training units within six (6) weeks of date of attendance.
2. GACE Level 1 Certifications will be presented at Graduation during fall and spring conferences hosted by the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement.

APPROVED/RECOGNIZED TRAINING CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS FOR RENEWAL STATUS

The following accredited organizational continuing education credits may be accepted by GACE to Renew Certification Status: Course completion documentation is required and will be reviewed by the GACE Curriculum Committee before CEU is awarded for certification renewal status.

1. *Code Enforcement Safety Officer Foundation*
 - a. *Code Official Safety Specialist Training Certificate*
2. *International Code Council*
 - a. *Code Enforcement or Zoning Training Modules*
3. *Building Officials Association of Georgia*
4. *Carl Vinson Institute of Government*
 - a. *Zoning 101 -105*
 - b. *Code Enforcement Training Curriculum*
 - c. *Zoning Administration Curriculum*

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Adopted by: GACE Board of Directors July 31, 2026

Adopted Certification Emblem by Board of Directors July 31, 2026

Effective: Fall 2026



APPLICATION FOR GACE LEVEL I CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION

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Name:			
Jurisdiction/Title:			
Application Type:	Initial Certification	Recertification	
CVIOG/GACE Level Completed:	Level I	Level II	Level III
Member Status:	Active Member	Inactive Member	Non-Member
Name on Certification Document:			

- I. At least four (4) of The six (6) required curriculum units must account for the initial Certification. Indicate completed curriculum units:

Enforcement Techniques and Investigation (6 hours)	Legal Aspects in Code Enforcement (9 hours)	Preparing a Case for Court (6 hours)
Managing the Daily Operations of a Code Enforcement Officer (6 hours)	Safety Tactics in Code Enforcement (6 hours)	Inspecting, Permitting, and Planning Duties of the Code Enforcement Officer (3 hours)

DATE: Completed training credits:

II. Please provide proof of GACE approved training: Attendance Records, Test Scores, CVIOG Transcript. If you are applying for recertification please upload attendance records, test scores, of approved curriculum. **Attachments are required.**

List attachments and source of training/curriculum:

GACE CVIOG	BOAG
ICC	COSS
GAZA CVIOG	CVIOG Zoning 101-105

Signature of Active GACE Member: _____

Date: _____

Submit application to attn:

GACE President/ M. Angel Gray: angelgray5717@gmail.com