

**GAPSC/NCATE Continuing Accreditation Visit  
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Fall 2001–Spring 2006  
Prekindergarten to Grade 2 Emphasis

Table 1.6.5. Employer Ratings of Dispositions of Graduates of Initial Certification Programs\*

*Table 1.6.5.a. Employer Ratings of Graduates\*\**

Disposition	<i>Number of Employers Providing Rating</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>
<i>Beginning teachers from University of Georgia Early Childhood Education Programs . . .</i>			
have high expectations for all students.	15	3.4	.5
advocate for learning environments that support the diverse needs of all students.	13	3.0	.7
work well with children, families, colleagues, and others from diverse ethnic, racial, gender, and socioeconomic groups.	14	3.3	.5
work well with paraprofessionals and volunteers in the classroom and school.	15	3.3	.5
work well with administrators and instructional lead teachers.	15	3.5	.5
join and actively participate in professional organizations.	13	3.0	.4
reflect upon their pedagogical and content knowledge and instructional strategies.	14	3.1	.5
manage their time well.	15	3.1	.5
follow established codes of professional conduct, including school, district, and state policies.	14	3.4	.5

*Table 1.6.5.b. Employer Ratings of UGA Graduates Compared to Graduates of Other Institutions\*\*\**

	<i>Number of Employers Providing Rating</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>
How would you rate recent graduates of University of Georgia initial preparation programs in early childhood education, compared to graduates of programs in other institutions?	15	2.6	.6

\* Employers were asked to rate graduates of initial preparation programs who were in their first 3 years of teaching; therefore, ratings represent graduates of the partnership program, the prekindergarten to grade 2 emphasis, and the master's-level early childhood certification option.

\*\* Employers used a 4-point scale to rate program graduates: (1) Strongly Disagree, (2) Disagree, (3) Agree, (4) Strongly Agree.

\*\*\* Employers used a 3-point scale to rate program graduates: (1) Not as well prepared, (2) About as well prepared, (3) Better prepared.