

The Georgia DNR Law Enforcement's Accelerated Degree Advancement Promotional Track (A.D.A.P.T.) program is an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing a career as a Georgia Game Warden. This initiative not only provides a pathway for those with a High School Diploma or GED to apply and become Game Wardens but also facilitates the acceleration of their college degree progress.

Applying and minimum requirements:

- 21 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be eligible to obtain a valid Georgia Driver's License at the time of appointment
- Applicants who are not POST Certified must pass the POST Entrance Exam (Accuplacer) to be considered for a Game Warden position. A copy of the test scores must be provided prior to employment. For more information on the POST Entrance Exam click this link: <https://gapost.org/certification-requirements/post-entrance-exam-results/>.
- Applicants do not specifically apply for the A.D.A.P.T. program. They apply for the position of Game Warden and, if they are hired, they will have the opportunity to work through the A.D.A.P.T. program.
- Successfully pass:
  - Physical Agility Test
  - Polygraph Exam
  - Board Interview
  - Medical Evaluation
  - Psychological Evaluation
- Successfully complete the POST Academy (Basic Mandate)
- Successfully complete the Georgia Game Warden Academy

Here are some key points to consider if you are thinking about pursuing a career as a Georgia Game Warden through the A.D.A.P.T. program:

1. **Education Advancement:** The program offers the chance to earn college credit while attending the P.O.S.T. Basic Mandate and the Game Warden Academy. This credit can be applied toward degrees in Criminal Justice and Conservation Law Enforcement at various colleges or technical colleges.
2. **Eligibility Requirements:** As the program is designed for individuals with a High School Diploma or GED, it provides an opportunity for a diverse range of candidates to enter the field of Conservation Law Enforcement.
3. **Career Acceleration:** A.D.A.P.T. allows individuals to simultaneously pursue their career goals as Georgia Game Wardens while advancing their education. This dual focus on professional and academic development can lead to a more well-rounded skill set.
4. **Commitment to Conservation:** A career as a Georgia Game Warden involves protecting and preserving the state's natural resources through enforcement. If you have a passion for wildlife conservation and environmental protection, this career path may align with your interests.

5. **Physical Fitness and Outdoor Skills:** Game Wardens work in the outdoor environments and need to navigate challenging terrains. Consider your physical fitness and outdoor skills as these are important aspects of the job.
6. **Application Process:** Ensure that you meet all the application requirements and deadlines for the A.D.A.P.T. program. This includes passing a selection process, background checks, physical fitness evaluations and interviews.
7. **Networking and Information Gathering:** Connect with current or former Game Wardens, attend informational sessions, and gather as much information as possible about the daily responsibilities and challenges of the role. This will help you make an informed decision about pursuing this career.

If you are ready to A.D.A.P.T. to the challenge, it can be a rewarding journey that combines education with a fulfilling career in Conservation Law Enforcement. Be sure to thoroughly research the expectations of a Game Warden to ensure it aligns with your personal and professional goals.