



Professional Standards Commission
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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Kelly C. Henson, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective April 15, 2017, as follows: 505-2-.04, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.31, 505-2-.32, 505-2-.33, and 505-2-.144; and (2) **initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective April 15, 2017, as follows: 505-2-.186.

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. **Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to RulesComments@GaPSC.com or mail to the undersigned, Kelly Henson, at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before March 2, 2017.** Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Professional Standards Commission will consider the proposed rules during its regular meeting on March 9, 2017, to begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Professional Standards Commission Board Room, 4th Floor, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE, dated June 15, 2016, be AMENDED to issue Induction Pathway Four (4) certificates in one-year increments unless enrolled in a GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted educator preparation program.

505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS, dated October 15, 2016, be AMENDED to add the Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL) requirement for Educational Leadership Performance-Based Tier II certification and to clarify information on the current content assessment and exemptions.

505-2-.31 GaPSC-ACCEPTED ACCREDITATION FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.31 GaPSC-ACCEPTED ACCREDITATION FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES, dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to require that degrees and educator preparation programs must hold GaPSC-accepted accreditation at the time the individual is ADMITTED to the program.

505-2-.32 VALIDITY PERIODS AND DATING OF CERTIFICATES

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.32 VALIDITY PERIODS AND DATING OF CERTIFICATES, dated October 15, 2016, be AMENDED to clarify the validity periods of Non-Renewable certificates, and to outline the requirement that Induction Pathway 4 certificates require enrollment in a GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted program for continued certification.

505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE, dated January 15, 2016, be AMENDED to require a Georgia educator completing a higher degree to add the field of School Counseling must do so at an institution holding Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accreditation; to include language to reinforce upgrading applies to Georgia Educators; and to update language following the expiration of grandfathering periods.

505-2-.144 SCHOOL COUNSELING

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.144 SCHOOL COUNSELING, dated June 15, 2016, be AMENDED to require educators completing higher degrees to add the field of School Counseling do so at institutions holding The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) accreditation.

505-2-.186 STEM EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.186 STEM EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT be INITIATED as a new rule to create an endorsement type that will allow qualified teachers to obtain instructional expertise in STEM education.



Kelly C. Henson
Executive Secretary