

INTERIM CERTIFICATION CHANGES PROFESSIONAL FOODS I and II

Certification to teach [Professional Foods I](#) (course # 20.53210) and [Professional Foods II](#) (course # 20.53310) requires additional training beyond the Family & Consumer Sciences Education certificate. In accordance with existing PSC Certification rules, there have been two “routes” to obtain certification to be considered “in-field” to teach these courses:

1. Hold a valid Family & Consumer Sciences Education certificate **AND** hold a “[Certified Hospitality Educator](#)” certificate (now titled the “Certified Secondary Foodservice Educator”) issued by the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation (NRAEF). PSC [Rule 505-2-.64](#) and PSC [Rule 505-2-.96](#); OR,
2. Hold a valid PSC Trade and Industrial Education Technical Specialist (TS) Certificate in Professional Foods by having an associate’s degree or higher in culinary arts **AND** 2 years of occupational work experience in the culinary arts field. PSC [Rule 505-2-.96](#).

The NRAEF certificate requirements involve completion of 3 “summer institutes” including 120 hours of industry work experience and the submission of a lesson plan to NRAEF. Unfortunately the training has been time consuming, costly and not always offered in Georgia.

The Georgia Department of Education is currently in the process of revising the curriculum for Professional Foods I and II. A GADOE state-wide task force is working on the new draft curriculum, which is expected to be ready for submission to the State Board of Education in the January-February 2007 timeframe. It is anticipated that the new curriculum will also include a new course title, changing from Professional Foods to Culinary Arts, and that the PSC will establish new certification/preparation requirements. The new certification/preparation requirements will most likely be available through PSC--approved programs offered by the Georgia Vocational Staff Development Consortium ([GVSDC](#)) and the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education ([GDTAE](#)). Individuals who already hold, or have started and elect to complete the NRAEF certificate, will continue to be considered in-field to teach these courses upon the issuance of appropriate Georgia certification.

During this period of change in curriculum development and program approval, the PSC and DOE have coordinated an interim certification procedure that addresses the need for specialized training and allows time for educators to satisfy either the “old” routes with NRAEF training or what will become the “new” routes. This procedure, based on a Non-Renewable certificate in Professional Foods, is outlined in the linked [memorandum](#).

For information on the curriculum revisions, the GA DOE Point of Contact is Laura Ergle, Family & Consumer Sciences Coordinator, lergle@doe.k12.ga.us.

For information on the interim certification procedures, contact a GA PSC Information Specialist at (404) 232-2500, at the prompt press 2 and then press 1.