

505-3-.49 SCHOOL NUTRITION DIRECTOR PROGRAM

(1) Purpose. This rule states field-specific content standards for approving certification-only educator preparation programs that prepare individuals to serve as School Nutrition Directors in any school setting and supplements requirements in Rule 505-3-.01, Requirements and Standards for Approving Professional Education Units and Educator Preparation Programs.

(2) Requirements.

(a) A state-approved professional education unit shall offer this field as a certification-only program.

(b) The program shall be planned by taking into consideration the candidate's previous study and experience.

(c) This program shall consist of required graduate-level coursework in foods, nutrition, institutional management and specified education courses embedded in a master's program in a related field or in addition to a master's program in a related-field (i.e., dietetics, nutrition, foods, food service management, hotel/restaurant management, culinary, food science, family and consumer science, education, public health, health or biological sciences, chemistry, and business).

(d) To receive approval, a state-approved professional education unit shall offer initial certification for completion of this graduate preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards:

1. The program shall broaden candidates' knowledge in the areas of food, nutrition, and/or institutional management.

2. The program shall prepare candidates who have the essential basic and foundational skills to plan, design, implement, and evaluate school nutrition programs that meet the school day nutritional needs of the child, help build healthy food habits, and prepare children for the classroom.

3. The program shall prepare candidates to design, implement, and evaluate financial and operational practices for School Nutrition Programs that are educationally, financially, and nutritionally accountable.

4. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to work with administrators, teachers, and lay people to define individual responsibilities and goals of the school nutrition program.

5. The program shall prepare candidates who promote and maintain good interpersonal relations between school nutrition personnel and students, faculty, school administration, and community.

6. The program shall prepare candidates who implement processes for continuous professional growth of school nutrition personnel.

7. The program shall prepare candidates who design, conduct, and interpret appropriate research projects for the improvement of the school nutrition program.

(e) The program shall meet all applicable requirements (i.e., admissions requirements; use, application, and integration of instructional technology; professional ethical standards; and

requirements for certification and employment and P-12 field experiences] specified in Rule 505-3-.01 (4.f.), Special Georgia Requirements.

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