

~~505-3-.06 ADVANCED DEGREE ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM~~

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

This rule is to be rescinded because the Advanced Degree Alternative Certification Program is now covered under the proposed rule 505-3-.05 Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP).

Current/Amended Section(s):

(Additions are underlined in bold type; deletions are marked through.)

~~(1) Purpose. This rule states standards for approving the Advanced Degree Alternative Certification Program to provide 6-12 pedagogical preparation for individuals who hold advanced degrees in content areas for which the state issues renewable teacher certification or individuals who hold Juris Doctor degrees. Individuals holding a Juris Doctor degree will be in-field to teach political science. An individual holding the P-12 nonrenewable certificate shall be assigned to teach secondary 6-12 grade levels but he/she shall have opportunities for field experiences at the early childhood and middle grades levels.~~

~~(2) Requirements.~~

~~(a) Institutions of higher education (IHEs), or Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs), or local education agencies (LEAs) shall offer the Advanced Degree Alternative Certification Program (ADAC) at the 6-12 secondary level addressing the following standards.~~

~~(b) IHEs, RESAs, or LEAs shall accept beginning teachers who hold at least a master's degree and a major in the teaching assignment; and be employed as a full-time beginning teacher by a local school system. The beginning teacher must complete an individual professional development plan during the three-year ADAC certification period. GACE tests for basic skills, the appropriate GACE content tests and the GACE professional pedagogy test must be completed successfully to convert to renewable certification.~~

~~(c) IHEs, RESAs, or LEAs shall recommend the beginning teacher to participate in an advanced degree certification program and receive approval from the Professional Standards Commission to offer the program.~~

~~(d) Beginning teachers shall be eligible for a three-year ADAC certificate which is completed in three phases in a teaching field, as specified in Chapter 505-2-.04.~~

~~(e) Beginning teachers shall be provided a support team including a supervisor, a qualified school-based mentor, and a building administrator.~~

~~(f) Agencies seeking approval for the ADAC Preparation program shall follow Professional Standards Commission Policies and Procedures Guidelines for the Advanced Degree Alternative Certification (ADAC).~~

~~(g) To receive approval, an IHE, RESA, or LEA shall develop a preparation program that addresses the following standards:~~

- ~~1. The program shall demonstrate competencies in the use of questioning and mentoring.~~
- ~~2. The program shall demonstrate competencies in the use of observation and feedback techniques, evaluation techniques and instruments, and conferencing skills.~~
- ~~3. The program shall demonstrate competencies in the use of knowledge, skills, and dispositions required for accomplished teaching.~~
- ~~4. The program shall demonstrate competency in the use of performances and artifacts to document professional development aligned with the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) principles and Danielson's "Framework for Teaching" as defined in Enhancing Professional Practice: A Framework for Teaching.~~
- ~~5. The program shall develop an individual professional development plan for each candidate who participates in the Advanced Degree Alternative Certification Program. The program must assess the candidate's progress in completing each phase of the individual professional development plan by June 30 each year as evidence of sufficient professional development as a condition for re-issuance of the nonrenewable certificate.~~

~~(h) The program shall require practicum participants to meet all requirements specified in rule 505-3-.01 (4.f.), Special Georgia Requirements.~~

~~Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200~~