



# **Fall Into..... Certification Updates and Reviews**

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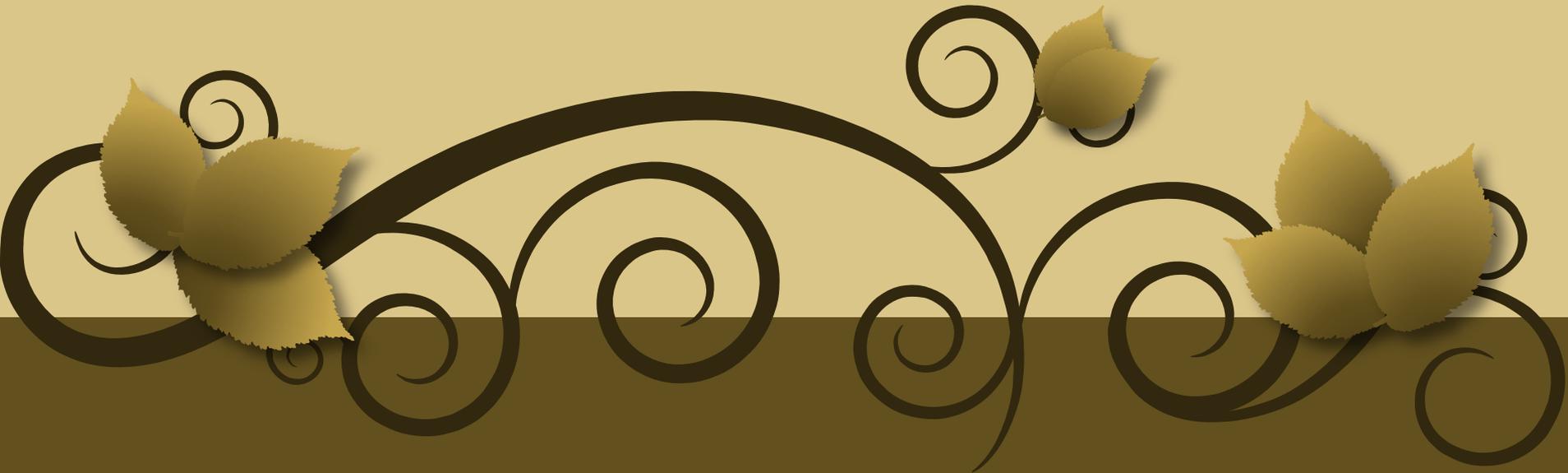
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# What's New???

- Agricultural ED is expanding to P-12
- Urban Education Endorsement
- PBIS Endorsement

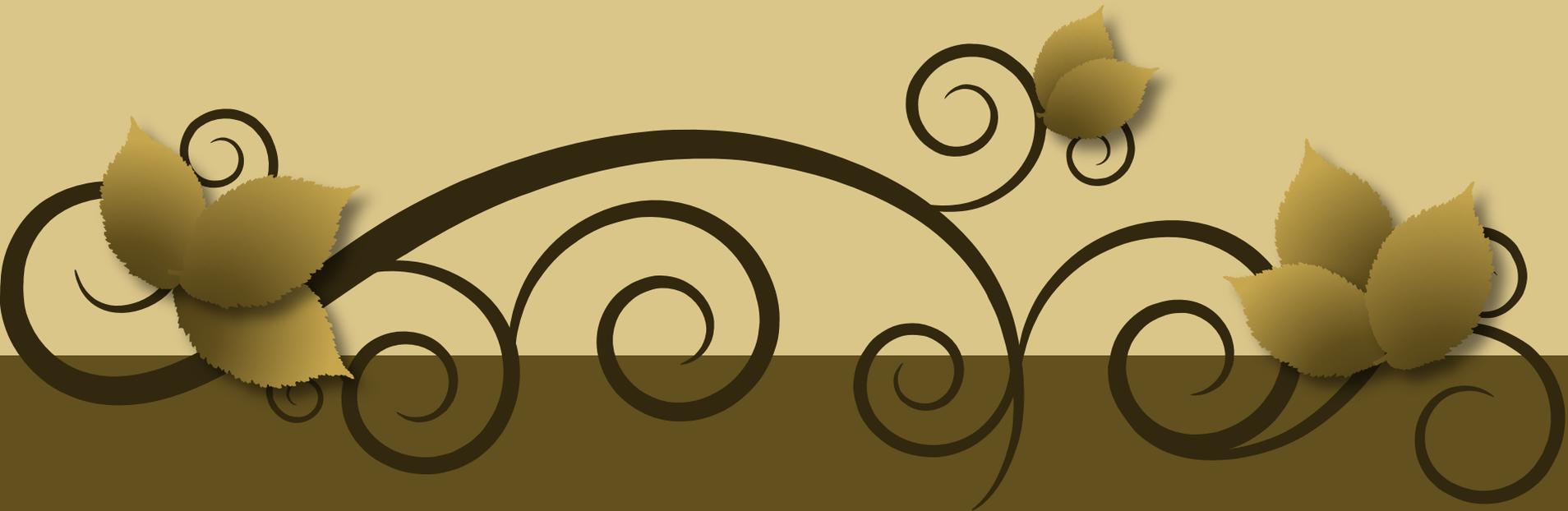
# UPDATES and REMINDERS

- PASL (Performance Assessment for School Leaders)
- Limited Flexibility Exemption
- Effective July 1, 2019, the SAT score required to exempt the PAA is 1080
- Foreign Credential Report Providers



# UPDATES and REMINDERS

- Student teaching supervisors
- ECE changes to Elementary ED on 7/1/19





# **EXPRESS LANE TIPS**

**Uploading and Applications**

# UPLOADING DOCUMENTS

## Tip One:

Do not choose...

**“Documentation Only”**

unless candidate has an open case

## Tip Two:

Scan documents in high contrast  
black and white...**not color**

## Tip Three:

Applications must be dated within  
**90** days of submission

# APPLICATION TIPS



## Tip One:

Induction Pathway 4 Certification can only be requested by a Georgia Employer

## Tip Two:

Candidates who have completed programs short of testing may not be issued an IN4 (the employer must request a waiver)

## Tip Three:

There is an ExpressLane tutorial available on .ORG in the Certification Training Library

# PRE-SERVICE

- Candidate must complete Ethics Entry 350
- Pass or exempt PAA (if in a GA program)
- Claim their program in MyPSC

## \*\*\*Note\*\*\*

Pre-Service will not appear as an ExpressLane option until the candidate has been entered in TPMS, claimed their program, and completed Ethics Entry

# PRE-SERVICE

- Documents
  - Pre-service Application
  - VLP documentation
  - PAA exemption (if applicable)
- Incomplete applications or background check issues may delay issuance
- Upon withdrawal Pre-Service is made obsolete and must be re-requested if re-enrolled
- If Pre-Service does not appear as an option in ExpressLane despite the candidate meeting criteria, contact [certhelp@gapsc.com](mailto:certhelp@gapsc.com)

# PRE-SERVICE

**Suggested  
application  
deadlines by  
semester:**

**Fall: 3/15**

**Spring: 9/15**

**Summer: 1/15**

## Note

**If a candidate  
has answered  
“yes” to a  
personal  
affirmation  
(ethics)  
question, submit  
as soon as  
possible**



# PRE-SERVICE

**Not needed if candidate holds:**

- **IN4 certification**
- **Permit**
- **Waiver**
- **Professional certification**

**Or is a service or leadership field program completer**



# MONTESSORI CERTIFICATE

- Two tiers: Induction and Professional
- Requires completion of a Montessori education program approved by the Montessori Accreditation Counsel for Teacher Education (MACTE)
- Requires a passing score on the appropriate GACE content exam(s) and completion of special GA requirements.

# MONTESSORI CERTIFICATE

- Montessori teachers that want to add another Montessori grade level or age group must complete a MACTE-approved program at the appropriate grade level or age group
- Traditionally certified teachers must complete a MACTE-approved Montessori program to become Montessori certified
- Montessori educators must complete a state-approved preparation program to become a traditionally certified educator.

# MONTESSORI TEACHING FIELDS

- Infant & Toddler (birth – age 3)
- PK2-K (ages 2 1/2 – 6)
- Elementary I Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> (ages 6 – 9)
- Elementary I-II Grades 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (ages 6 – 12)
- Secondary I Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> (ages 12 – 15)
  - Secondary I Language Arts and Social Sciences
  - Secondary I Science and Mathematics
- Secondary I – II (ages 12 – 18)
- Secondary II English
- Secondary II Social Studies
- Secondary II Science
- Secondary II Mathematics

# **MONTESSORI GRANDFATHERING**

**Montessori teachers holding a non MACTE-approved credential prior to 7/1/2018 may obtain a Montessori teaching certificate if they have met the following:**

- 1. Employment in a public Montessori classroom while holding an acceptable Georgia teaching certificate**
- 2. Earned one or more years of satisfactory Montessori teaching experience**
- 3. Completed a Montessori diploma program outlined by the employing school system and submit verification from the employer**

**REQUIREMENTS**



**UPGRADES**

**ACCREDITATION**

**APPROVAL**



**UPGRADE**

**Educator holds an Induction  
Pathway 1, 2, or 3 or a  
renewable Professional  
certificate**

**The institution meets specific  
accreditation requirements**

**Degree must be in a field of  
certification held or lead to  
a new field of certification**

**REQUIREMENTS**

**Out of State  
Accredited  
by  
TEAC/CAEP**

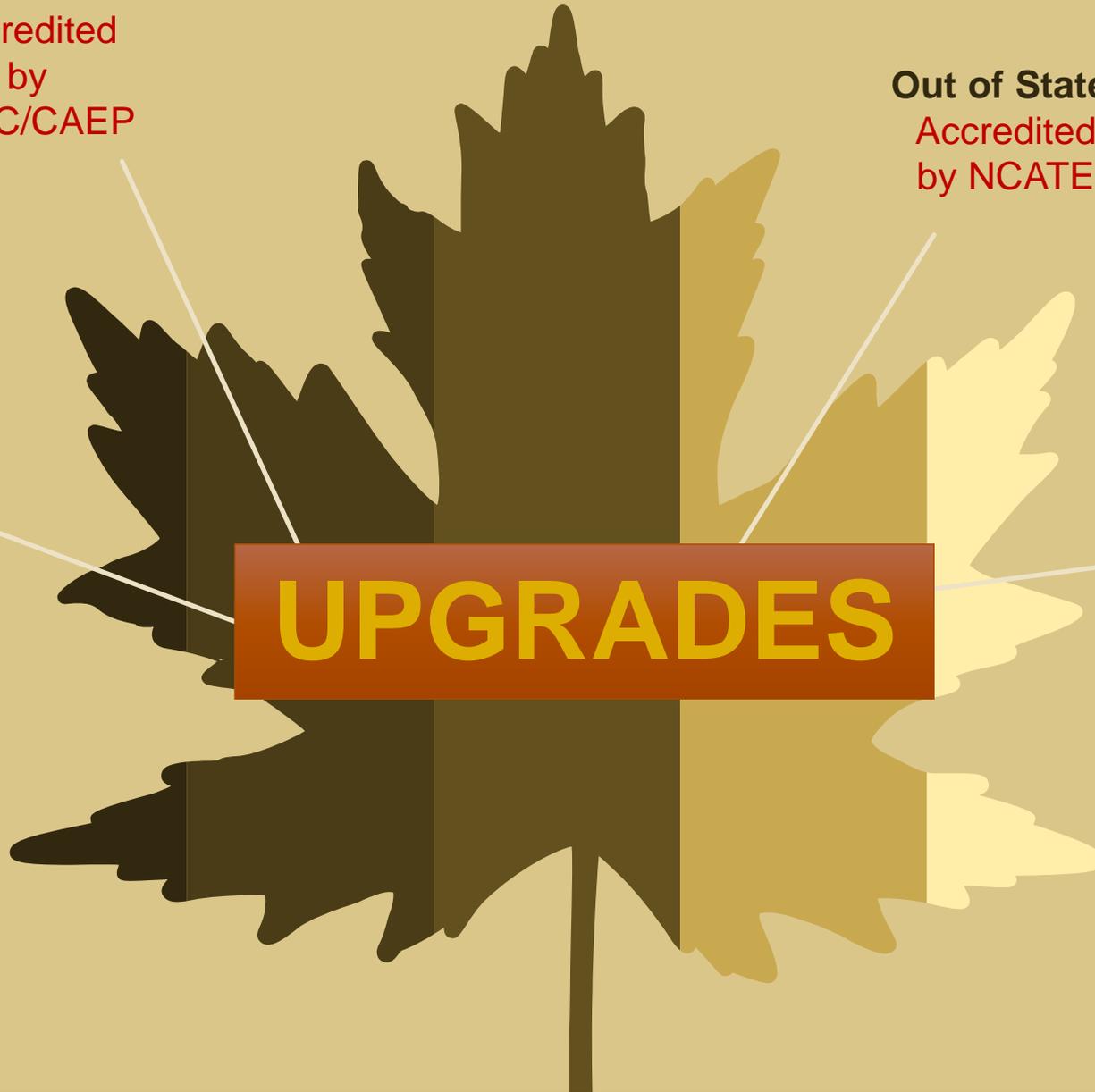
**Out of State  
Accredited  
by NCATE**

**Out of State  
Holds  
Carnegie  
Classification  
Higher or  
Highest  
Research  
Activity**

**Out of State  
GaPSC-  
approved  
Georgia  
institutions**

**UPGRADES**

**ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS**





# UPGRADES



- Advanced degree major must align with a certification field held by the educator\*

**\*Even if the educator adds the field after they enroll or complete the degree program**



- The advanced degree program is state-approved and leads to certification in a new field
- Pass the appropriate GACE content assessment

## WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN????

# THREE NEW FIELDS

- 
- Curriculum and Instruction
  - Instructional Technology
  - Teacher Leadership

**Please note: Induction certificate holders cannot upgrade in these new fields. Educators must hold Professional certification to be eligible to upgrade and add the field.**

**These fields are Service fields issued at a level 5 (master's) or higher.**

**Only Georgia institutions are approved to offer advanced degree programs in these fields.**

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- Georgia educators may only complete GaPSC-approved leadership programs (Mostly GA institutions)

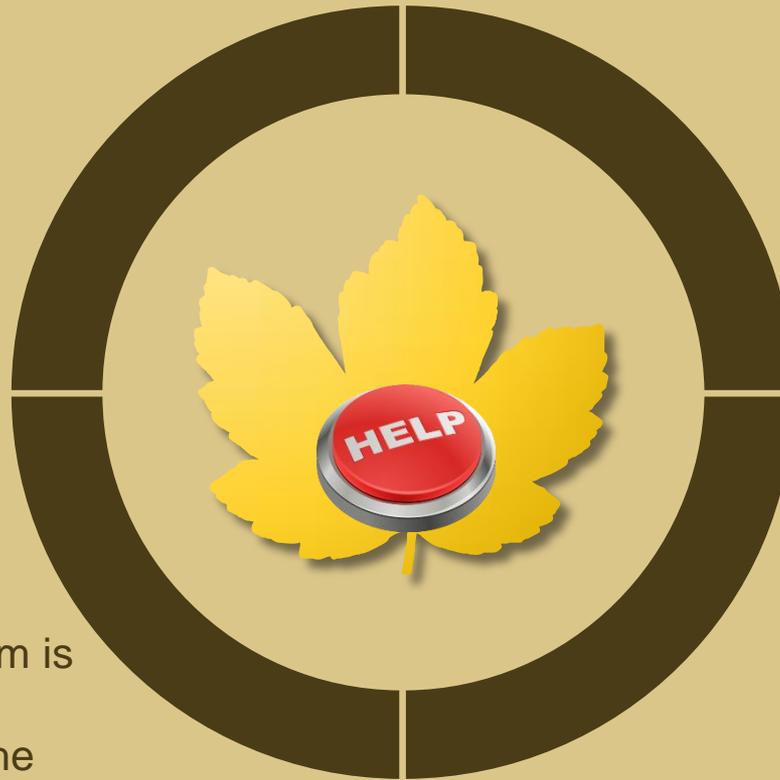
\*\*\*Two tiers of leadership\*\*\*

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- Educators will receive a **Leader Level** when upgrading.
    - Educators are paid on a leader level only when employed in a leadership position
    - If educator is employed in a non-leadership certified educator position, an educator is paid on his/her **General Level**



# LEADERSHIP UPGRADES

- The GaPSC does not provide upgrade approval via phone or email.



- This database is not exhaustive. If the program is not listed in the Upgrade Advisor, please submit the GaPSC Upgrade Degree Approval Form to [certupgrade@gapsc.com](mailto:certupgrade@gapsc.com)

- Utilize the **Certificate Upgrade Advisor** tool on our website
- Educators may use MyPSC login credentials to find acceptable in-field and new field degrees
- Save degrees of interest to their certification file
- GaPSC will honor all upgrade advisor approvals up to one year

How do I determine if an advanced degree program is acceptable??



**Current Georgia Educators**  
CHECK OUT YOUR CERTIFICATION AND MORE »

**Prospective Educators**  
HOW TO BECOME A GEORGIA EDUCATOR »

**Educators Moving to Georgia**  
RECIPROCITY AND GEORGIA CERTIFICATION »

**Preparation Reform**  
GEORGIA EDUCATOR PREPARATION REFORM »

**News and Announcements**

- [edTPA Southeast Regional Summit Call for Proposals](#) **New!**
- [Middle GA RESA Regional Teacher Recruitment Fair](#)
- [2015 Georgia Teacher Job Fair](#)
- [GACE website www.gace.ets.org](#)

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**Attention!!**

- » We are currently processing complete applications received on or after **January 16, 2015**.
- » Use your [MyPSC](#) account to track the progress of your application and print your certificate.
- » Our Call Center (800) 869-7775 is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday except for state holidays. Email us at [mail@gapsc.com](mailto:mail@gapsc.com)

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**Policies And Guidelines**

- ✦ [Understanding the 2014 Educator Certification Changes](#) **New!**
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- ✦ [Paying for Advanced Leadership Degrees \(HB 455/923\)](#)
- ✦ [PLU Requirements for Certificate Renewal](#)
- ✦ [Georgia Educational Leadership](#)

**Education Links...**

- ✦ [American Association for Colleges for Teacher Education \(AACTE\)](#)
- ✦ [GA Association of Educational Leaders \(GAEL\)](#)
- ✦ [GA Association of Educators \(GAE\)](#)



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## Certificate Upgrades

### Certificate Upgrade Advisor

Our [Certificate Upgrade Advisor](#) can help educators find advanced degree programs closely aligned with their current fields of certification while also earning a higher degree. Only institutions and programs meeting specified levels of accreditation, state approval, or other quality assurances are included. All institutions and advanced degrees leading to certificate level upgrades must meet the same level of quality as GaPSC approved institutions and programs: NCATE / TEAC / Carnegie Classification / Program quality.

Click [here](#) to access the tool.

**Certificate Upgrade Advisor**

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### Policy/Guidelines

The documents in the Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) [requires Adobe Reader](#).

- [Rule 505-2-33 Certificate Upgrades](#) (PDF 100Kb) -- updated July 3, 2014
- [Guidance Document for Educator Upgrades](#) (PDF 100Kb) -- updated 9/26/2014
- [Curriculum and Instruction Standards](#) (PDF 24Kb) -- updated 7/13/2011
- [Instructional Technology Standards](#) (PDF 130Kb) -- updated 7/13/2011
- [Teacher Leadership Standards](#) (PDF 181Kb) -- updated 4/27/2011
- [Guidance for Curriculum and Instruction](#) (PDF 549Kb) -- updated 3/14/2012
- [Guidance for Instructional Technology](#) (PDF 378Kb) -- updated 7/13/2012
- [Guidance for Teacher Leadership Standards Rule](#) (PDF 478Kb) -- updated 6/26/2012
- [Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education](#) (PDF 318Kb) -- updated 9/26/2014

### Implementation Assistance Tools

- [GaPSC Fields Applicable to Upgrades](#) (PDF 10Kb) -- updated 1/21/2011
- [GaPSC Approved Institutions and Programs](#)
- [Criteria for Infield Certificate Upgrades](#) (PDF 374Kb) -- updated 1/15/2012
- [Contacts for State-approved Programs from Other States](#) (PDF 52Kb) -- updated 4/27/2011
- [Selected U.S. Institutions and Upgrade Eligibility Status -- by state](#) (PDF 749Kb) -- updated 7/16/2014
- [Selected U.S. Institutions and Upgrade Eligibility Status -- by institution](#) (PDF 735Kb) -- updated 7/16/2014

#### Note:

GaPSC has assembled above two tables, by state and by institution, of institutions commonly attended by Georgia educators. Columns (yes/no) reflect the institution status for NCATE / TEAC / Carnegie Classifications at the time of compilation. The table is periodically updated to reflect new institutions and changes to the eligibility status. This table is for general information only.

It is the responsibility of Georgia educators to verify eligibility with the institutions at the time they enroll in degree programs.

- [NCATE Institutions](#)



## Certificate Upgrade Advisor

Do you currently hold a certificate that can be upgraded?

The following types of certificates can be upgraded:

- Renewable, professional certificates: Includes Standard Professional, Performance-Based Professional, Advanced Professional, & Lead Professional. Permits may not be upgraded;
- Induction Pathway 1, 2, or 3 certificates: Induction Pathway 4 certificates may not be upgraded.

If you hold any other type of certificate or license, you do not qualify for a certificate upgrade and the Advisor will not be able to assist you.

Some degrees will not lead to a certificate upgrade! You may upgrade your certificate level by completing a degree program that matches one of your existing fields of certification, or by completing a degree program that prepares you for certification in a new field. If you choose to complete a new field upgrade please know you will be required to pass the appropriate GACE assessment(s). The college/university at which you complete your advanced degree must also meet certain institutional accreditation requirements. To read more about certificate upgrade requirements, please visit [this webpage](#) or read the [Certificate Upgrade Rule](#).

**Login now!** Use your MyPSC login credentials to access your advanced degree options which could lead to a certificate upgrade. The advisor will determine your eligibility for an upgrade and help you find acceptable in-field and new field degrees. You will be able to identify degree(s) of interest and save your results to your certification file as a record of GaPSC's verification of eligibility. GaPSC will honor all upgrade advisor approvals up to one year. If you are unable to enroll in the program within 1 year, simply login to the Upgrade Advisor and check and save the updated approval.

Login

**Just browsing?** Select the Quick View option for general certificate upgrade information. Since this option cannot access your current certification record, Quick View cannot determine your eligibility for an upgrade or give specific advice tailored to your certification. You will not be able to save Quick View search results.

Quick View

Any degree that appears in the Upgrade Advisor has already been reviewed by the GaPSC. An in-field degree that is marked **yes** is approved to lead to an upgrade in your certificate field. One that is marked **no** will not lead to an upgrade in the certificate field that you have selected. New field degrees are not listed as yes or no; any new field degrees that appear in the advisor are approved to lead to an upgrade as long as you also pass the appropriate content assessment. Please note that if a degree is approved for an upgrade in any certificate field except for Educational Leadership, the resulting upgrade will apply to all of your fields. For more information about pay increases resulting from Educational Leadership degrees, please read the guidance document found [here](#).

Although we are currently expanding our Upgrade Advisor to include as many degree programs as possible, this database is not exhaustive. If you are considering a degree program that is not listed under the related certification field in the Advisor, please complete [this form](#) and email it to [certupgrade@GAPSC.com](mailto:certupgrade@GAPSC.com). We will then add the program's approval status to the Advisor for the related certificate field.

• **What are Georgia certificate levels? Show | Hide**

GaPSC designates a numerical certificate level for selected degrees; the certificate level is one of several factors that determine an educator's placement on the GaDOE state salary schedule. Please [click here](#) to view a list of degrees and their corresponding GaPSC certificate levels. Please note that Georgia educators who complete an advanced degree leading to certification in a leadership field will receive a **leader** level which will be applied to their certificate along with the **general** level that they hold before upgrading. A leader level will only be used to determine the salary if the educator is working in a leadership position. Otherwise, the educator will be paid according to his or her general level. For more information, please read the guidance document found [here](#).



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# Welcome

# to MyPSC!



>> Use your MyPSC account to track the status of your application and print your certificate.

>> Our Call Center is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.



Upgrade Advisor - In Field

Inquired on 02/02/2016

NAME: H  
CERTIFICATE ID: 1  
DOB: 08  
INQUIRED FIELD: FLD808  
FIELD NAME:EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-5)

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INSTITUTION:Albany State University  
STATE: GA  
DEGREE:Master of Education with a Major in Early Childhood  
-Education  
USAGE: ALLOWED

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Questions

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Answers





# Contact Us

**404-334-6462**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:00AM-4:30PM**

**certhelp@gapsc.com – general certification inquires**

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