

FINAL NOTICE

TO: Employers of Educators
Preparers of Educators
Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Commission Rule Rescission/Amendment/Adoption

On October 10, 2024, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process to **(1) amend** the current rule in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.143; **(2) amend** the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.01; **(3) repeal** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.49, 505-3-.65, 505-3-.67, and 505-3-.69, and **(4) adopt** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.49, 505-3-.65, 505-3-.67, 505-3-.69, 505-3-.73, 505-3-.78, and 505-3-.79.

On December 12, 2024, the Commission adopted the aforementioned rules, effective January 1, 2025.

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

Certification

505-2-.143 MEDIA SPECIALIST

This newly adopted rule changes the title of the field to School Librarian.

Educator Preparation

505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION

This newly adopted rule 1) adds a definition and requirements for dual-field programs, 2) adds Permitted educators with three years of experience to those eligible to serve as cooperating teachers, 3) clarifies that courses taken to meet the identification and education of children who have special educational needs requirement must be passed with a grade of B or better, and 4) clarifies that governing board approval is required before seeking GaPSC approval for a new program provider or program. Other formatting corrections and non-substantive wording changes are included for clarity.

505-3-.49 HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule reflects updated requirements adapted from the 2024 standards published by the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America).

505-3-.65 MEDIA SPECIALIST PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule changes the title of the program to School Librarian and incorporates updated, state-developed program content standards.

505-3-.67 SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule incorporates the 2024 program content standards published by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

505-3-.69 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule reflects updated requirements adapted from the 2010 and 2020 standards published by National Association of School Psychologists.

505-3-.73 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE ASSOCIATE

This newly adopted rule establishes the requirements for non-traditional (alternative) preparation programs that prepare individuals to support certified Speech Language Pathologists in a school setting.

505-3-.78 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP TIER I PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule establishes the requirements for programs at the Master's or higher degree level resulting in certification in the two fields of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I.

505-3-.79 TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP TIER I PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule establishes the requirements for programs at the Master's or higher degree level resulting in certification in the two fields of Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I.