

FINAL NOTICE

TO: Employers of Educators
Preparers of Educators
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Matt Arthur, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Commission Rule Rescission/Amendment/Adoption

On October 8, 2020, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process to (1) **amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2021, as follows: 505-2-.08, 505-2-.10, 505-2-.11, 505-2-.33, 505-2-.42, 505-2-.45, 505-2-.87, 505-2-.90, 505-2-.153, and 505-2-.172; (2) **adopt** the current rule in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2021, as follows: 505-2-.150; (3) **amend** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2021, as follows: 505-3-.01, 505-3-.05, 505-3-.46, 505-3-.76, and 505-3-.77; (4) **repeal** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2021, as follows: 505-3-.07, 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.95; and (5) **adopt** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2021, as follows: 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.95.

On December 10, 2020, the Commission repealed/amended/adopted the aforementioned rules, effective January 1, 2021.

These repealed/amended/adopted rules may be downloaded in their entirety from the GaPSC website at 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 title of any rule. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.08 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the Educator Ethics assessment.

505-2-.10 PERMIT

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the educator and leader ethics assessments and replaces the term *grandfathering* with more culturally responsive language.

505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the educator ethics assessment.

505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE

This newly adopted rule replaces the term *grandfathering* with more culturally responsive language.

505-2-.42 CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the Educator Ethics assessment.

505-2-.45 MONTESSORI CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the Educator Ethics assessment and replaces the terms *grandfathered* and *grandfathering* with more culturally responsive language.

505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the Educator Ethics assessment.

505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the Educator Ethics assessment.

505-2-.150 LITERACY SPECIALIST

This newly adopted rule creates a certificate field that identifies qualified educators who have enhanced knowledge and competency in literacy in grades P-12.

505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule updates the title of the Ethics for Educational Leadership assessment and replaces the term *grandfathering* with more culturally responsive language.

505-2-.172 ONLINE TEACHING ENDORSEMENT

This newly adopted rule includes service and leadership field certificate holders as eligible to add this endorsement field, and removes the Supplemental Induction requirements as this endorsement is not an in-field endorsement so this certificate type is not appropriate.

Discussion (Educator Preparation)

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

This newly adopted rule increases expectations for preparing educators to teach/lead/serve in virtual or online learning environments, removes the term *Program Exit* in relation to Ethics testing requirements, and clarifies issues related to CAEP accreditation of EPPs.

505-3-.05 GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP)

This newly adopted rule requires the passing of the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment prior to beginning program coursework, and notes the new name of the assessment, removing the term *Program Exit*.

505-3-.07 PARAPROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

This rule is repealed as educators seeking GaPSC certification as a paraprofessional are not required to complete a preparation program and as there are no programs operating in Georgia.

505-3-.46 THEATRE EDUCATION PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule changes the rule title to DRAMA EDUCATION PROGRAM to match the corresponding Certification rule.

505-3-.64 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule reflects current content standards adapted from the standards published in 2017 by The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), and reduces the number of content or content pedagogy courses candidates are required to complete during the program.

505-3-.76 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This newly adopted rule reflects the change in Ethics testing requirements—specifically, the removal of the term *Program Exit* and the requirement to pass the assessment prior to beginning coursework, and reflects a slight change in numbering.

505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This newly proposed rule reflects the change in Ethics testing requirements—specifically the removal of the term *Program Exit* and the requirement to pass the assessment prior to beginning coursework, removes or replaces the term *grandfathered* with more culturally responsive language, and includes other non-substantive changes in numbering.

505-3-.95 ONLINE TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

This newly proposed rule includes content standards adapted from the standards published in 2019 by the Virtual Learning Leadership Alliance (VLLA) and Quality Matters (QM), which incorporate revisions of the National Standards for Quality Online Learning, initially developed by The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL).