

505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

Nature of Amendment(s):

- Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE, dated October 15, 2016, be AMENDED to add the ethics entry assessment as a requirement for issuance of the Induction Pathway 4 certificate.

Current/Amended Sections(s):

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

(1) Certificate Requirements. Qualification for certificates in the field of Healthcare Science is based on a combination of occupational work experience, industry licensing and assessments, and formal study. Healthcare Science_Certificates may be issued from level two (2) to level seven (7) based on the highest degree level held by the applicant. A table of health careers eligible to be considered for the Healthcare Science Certificate may be found here; however, local units of administration (LUAs) should select individuals with a healthcare background that is closely related to the pathway(s) they will be teaching. For example, a nurse that worked in the field of orthopedics might be a good fit for courses related to Exercise Physiology; those with experience administering or ordering medications (such as paramedics, nurses, and doctors) may have the appropriate expertise to teach Pharmacy courses. LUAs offering Healthcare Science programs leading to certification or licensure must also be sure that their teachers meet the requirements of the particular credentialing agency. For example, the Georgia Medical Care Foundation, which certifies Nursing Assistants, requires that instructors in Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) programs must be nurses.

(a) To qualify for a Professional certificate in Healthcare Science, an applicant must meet the requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08 CAREER, TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, section (3)(d).

(b) To qualify for an Induction certificate in Healthcare Science, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Hold an associate's degree or higher in a healthcare-related field;
2. Hold a current healthcare professional license, registration, or certification that relates to the healthcare field and has been issued by an appropriate governing or regulatory body; ~~and~~
3. Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field; and

4. Complete the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Entry Assessment.

(c) Non-Renewable Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(d) International Exchange Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE).

(e) Permit (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT CERTIFICATE).

(f) Adjunct License (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE).

(2) To Add the Field (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD).

(a) To add Healthcare Science to a Professional teaching certificate, the applicant must meet all requirements for the Induction certificate in Healthcare Science, outlined in section (1)(b) above.

(b) To add Healthcare Science to a Professional service or leadership certificate when no teaching field has been established, a GaPSC-approved program must be completed (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM).

(3) To Upgrade the Level (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE).

(4) Renewal Requirements (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS).

(5) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT). Educators certified in Healthcare Science are in-field to teach specified Georgia curriculum courses in grades P-12. Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC web site at www.gapsc.com.

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