

## 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE

### Nature of Amendment(s):

- Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

### Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE, dated June 15, 2016, be AMENDED to clarify the requirements for adding a micro-endorsement to the adjunct license.

### Current/Amended Sections(s):

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

**(1) Purpose.** The Adjunct License is a type of certification document for the individual with:

(a) Specific knowledge, skills, and experience in an engineering, medical, dental, pharmaceutical, veterinarian, legal, accounting, or arts profession, or any other professional position approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC); or

(b) Instructional experience in a branch of the U.S. military or a GaPSC-accepted accredited college or university; or

(c) Specific training or knowledge in a teaching field that is considered a low incidence field for Georgia local units of administration (LUAs); and

(d) Who is eligible to provide instruction in one or more of the following certification fields: English, Reading, Mathematics, Science, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Space Science, History, Political Science, Geography, Economics, Art, Music, Behavioral Science, foreign language fields, the Performing Arts fields of Dance and Drama, the Special Education field of Visual Impairment or Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) fields.

**(2) Requirements.** To be eligible for the Adjunct license, the applicant must be employed by a Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) or contracted to serve students in low incidence fields, and the request for issuance of the license must be submitted electronically to the GaPSC by the employing LUA utilizing procedures found on the GaPSC web site at [www.gapsc.org](http://www.gapsc.org).

(a) Option 1 - Academic Content Areas. The individual must:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree or higher with any major from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution of higher education;

2. Verify a minimum of two (2) years of occupational experience applicable to the field of certification;

3. Have passed the appropriate GACE content assessment at the Professional level for the field(s) being taught or hold the appropriate professional licensure for the profession or field of instructional experience (see list on GaPSC website at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com));

4. Meet the GaPSC Standards of Conduct; and

5. Be assigned a mentor/coach from the same local unit of administration (LUA) who holds renewable professional certification in the same general subject area(s) in which the licensee is teaching.

(b) Option 2 - Performing Arts fields: Dance, Drama and CTAE fields. The individual must:

1. Hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution of higher education, unless the GaPSC requires a minimum of an associate's degree for renewable professional certification in the field requested. Degree requirements for CTAE fields are outlined for each specialization in GaPSC [Rule 505-2-.08 CAREER, TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION](#).

2. Verify a minimum of two (2) years occupational experience applicable to the field of certification;

3. Have passed the appropriate industry test or hold professional licensure for the profession as outlined in GaPSC [Rule 505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION \(HSTE\)](#) or [GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION](#);

4. Meet the GaPSC Standards of Conduct; and

5. Be assigned a mentor/coach from the same LUA who holds renewable professional certification in the same general subject area(s) in which the licensee is teaching.

(c) Option 3 – Visual Impairment. The individual must:

1. Satisfy one of the following requirements:

(i) Have completed a state-approved educator preparation program leading to certification in the field; or

(ii) Hold a valid or expired out-of-state professional certificate in the field; and

2. Meet the GaPSC Standards of Conduct (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#));

(d) The request for issuance of the Adjunct License in the appropriate teaching field(s) must be submitted electronically to the GaPSC by the employing LUA utilizing procedures found on the GaPSC website at [www.gapsc.org](http://www.gapsc.org).

1. The Adjunct License issued to the licensee will show the teaching field(s) issued by the GaPSC and the LUA in which he or she is authorized to teach.

2. It is the responsibility of the employing LUA to assure that the licensee is not teaching in one LUA for more than a total of fifty (50) percent of the school day.

**(e) Adjunct license holders are not eligible to add new fields or endorsements with the following exception: Adjunct license holders in English, Drama, and Audio/Video Technology & Film may add the Dramatic Writing Micro-Endorsement. Information on the Micro-Endorsement requirements may be found in the appropriate endorsement rule.**

### **(3) Validity.**

(a) The Adjunct License is valid for one (1) year and may be renewed by the employing LUA upon meeting the requirements for renewal, as specified by the system.

(b) Salary for Adjunct License holders is determined by the LUA.

(c) The Adjunct License is not convertible to any other type of GaPSC certificate.

**(4) In-field Statement.** It is the responsibility of the LUA to assure that Adjunct License holders are assigned only within the subject field(s) associated with the license.

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