



Summary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Educator Preparation Rules

July 12, 2018 Initiation

Public Comment Period: July 25, 2018 – August 23, 2018

At its July 12, 2018, meeting, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process for the Educator Preparation rules listed below. Summaries of proposed rule changes are provided below and the **proposed rules are available at:**

<http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>.

The public comment period for these rules is open from **July 25, 2018, through August 23, 2018**. Written comments related to these rules must be addressed to GaPSC Executive Secretary, Mr. Kelly Henson and may be submitted via e-mail (RulesComments@GaPSC.com) or via regular mail (200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032). Commissioners will consider formal adoption of the proposed rules during their regular meeting on September 13, 2018. If you have questions about these proposed rules, please contact your Educator Preparation Approval Specialist.

Educator Preparation Rule Changes		
Rule #	Rule Name	Summary of Rules Action
505-3-.01	Requirements and Standards for Approving Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs	<p>The following amendment is proposed to GaPSC Rule 505-3-.01 to adjust program admission requirements for transitioning military personnel and spouses of active-duty military personnel. This change is proposed to allow transitioning military personnel more time to meet testing requirements and it is in conjunction with GaPSC's recent receipt of the Troops To Teachers grant (see https://proudtoserveagain.com).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Military retirees or spouses of active-duty military personnel who do not exempt the Program Admission Assessment requirement must attempt the PAA within the first year of program enrollment and must pass the assessment within two (2) years of program admission or prior to program completion, whichever occurs first (page 10). <p>Also included are minor clarifications and formatting changes to the section on assessment requirements (pages 14 – 16). These changes are solely for the purpose of improving clarity and readability and they include no changes to current assessment requirements.</p>
505-3-.05	Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP)	<p>Two changes are proposed to GaPSC Rule 505-3-.05 (GaTAPP). First is the same adjustment in the PAA requirement as is included in Rule 505-3-.01. The second amendment relates only to those transitioning military personnel and spouses of active-duty military personnel who enter a GaTAPP program without a related degree in the field of certification sought; the proposed amendment gives them more time to complete the content assessment requirement. The amended language reads as follows:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military retirees or spouses of active-duty military personnel who do not exempt the Program Admissions requirement must attempt the Program Admission Assessment within the first year of program enrollment and must pass the assessment prior to program completion (page 13). • Military retirees or spouses of active-duty military personnel who enter a GaTAPP program without a related degree in the field of certification sought must attempt the content assessment by the end of the first semester in the program and must pass the assessment by the end of the first year (page 14).
505-3-.23 505-3-.25 505-3-.26 505-3-.28	Social Studies Preparation Program Rules	GaPSC Educator Preparation Rules for Economics, Geography, History, and Political Science are being updated to incorporate the 2018 standards published by the National Council for the Social Studies.
505-3-.88	Culinary Arts Endorsement Program	GaPSC Rule 505-3-.88 is being amended to reflect a change in the score required for the ServSafe Certificate pre-requisite. The passing score requirement is being changed from a minimum of 70% to a minimum of 75%.