

505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD, dated October 15, 2017, be AMENDED to change the field name of Early Childhood Education P-5 to Elementary Education P-5.

Current/Amended Sections(s):

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

(1) Adding a Teaching Field.

(a) To add any new teaching field to an existing level four (4) or higher professional teaching certificate, an applicant may complete one of the following options:

1. Complete a state-approved certification program in the new field, receive verification of program completion from the program provider per GaPSC Rule [505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM](#), and complete all applicable Special Georgia Requirements per GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#);

2. For all fields except Special Education General Curriculum/~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** and ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education**, pass the appropriate GACE content assessment(s) in the new field at the induction level or higher and complete all applicable Special Georgia Requirements as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#). The fields of Special Education General Curriculum/~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** and ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** require completion of (1)(a)1. above. If no state-approved content assessment exists for the field, the applicant must complete a state-approved program as outlined in section (1)(a)1. above; or

3. To add any Career and Technical Specializations or Healthcare Science field to a professional certificate, an applicant must complete the occupational experience and minimum degree requirements in the area of specialization. For certain fields, an applicant must hold and maintain a valid industry license and satisfy assessments as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE](#) or GaPSC Rule [505-2-90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS](#).

(b) To add any new teaching fields to an existing certificate in any service or leadership field, an applicant must:

1. Complete a state-approved certification program in the new field and receive verification of program completion from the program provider per GaPSC Rule [505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM](#) and complete all applicable Special Georgia Requirements per GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#).

(c) New teaching fields may be added to Induction teaching certificates as supplemental Induction fields. To add any new supplemental Induction teaching field to an existing level four (4) or higher Induction teaching certificate, an applicant must pass the GACE content assessment in the field at the Induction level or higher. For the fields of Special Education General Curriculum/~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** and ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education**, conversion to professional will also require completion of a state-approved educator preparation program in the field (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE](#)).

(2) Adding a Service Field. To add any Service field to any established professional certificate, an applicant must:

(a) Complete a state-approved program in the new field and receive verification of program completion from the program provider as outlined in the specific Service field rule (GaPSC Rules [505-2-.140 AUDIOLOGY through GaPSC Rule 505-2-.149 TEACHER LEADERSHIP](#)) and complete all applicable Special Georgia Requirements per GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#).

(3) Adding a Leadership Field. To add any leadership field to an existing professional certificate, an applicant must:

(a) Complete a state-approved program in the new field and receive verification of program completion from the program provider as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP](#), and complete all applicable Special Georgia Requirements per GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#).

(b) To add the Superintendent Certificate field to an existing professional certificate, an applicant must meet the requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.154 SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFICATE](#).

(4) Adding Endorsements

(a) To add an endorsement to an existing level four (4) or higher professional certificate, an applicant must:

1. Complete a state-approved certification program in the endorsement field and receive verification of program completion from the program provider per GaPSC Rule [505-2-.22 CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM](#).

2. Hold the appropriate teaching, service or leadership type as outlined in the individual endorsement rule.

(b) The ESOL Endorsement may be added to a valid Permit certificate in a foreign language field, as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.10 PERMIT CERTIFICATE](#).

(c) To add an endorsement field to a valid Induction certificate as a supplemental Induction endorsement, an applicant must complete the requirements outlined in section (3)(a)1 and 2 above. Educators will not be eligible for a professional certificate in supplemental Induction certificate fields until conversion of the base certificate to a professional certificate.

(5) Adding a Field and Upgrading.

(a) Georgia educators adding a new field by completion of a higher degree must meet additional requirements to qualify for a certificate level upgrade. In order to qualify for a certificate level upgrade, educators must successfully complete the degree program, pass all appropriate GACE content assessments at the appropriate level, meet all certification requirements and add the new field to their certificate as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE](#).

(6) Exceptions. For some certificate fields, state-approved programs are limited in number or restricted in geographic location, making it difficult to meet the hiring needs of local units of administration (LUAs). For these specific situations, as determined by the GaPSC on a case-by-case basis, the GaPSC shall maintain a process for establishing specific course work requirements to add the field based on a transcript review of prescribed courses.

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