

505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE dated April 15, 2018, be RESCINDED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to reorganize and clarify requirements to qualify for certification in Healthcare Science.

(1) Summary: This rule outlines the requirements and procedures for issuance of a teaching certificate in Healthcare Science P-12, which allows individuals certified in this field to provide students the opportunity to explore careers in healthcare.

(2) Provisional Requirements (For Individuals Transitioning to a Career in Education).

(a) Issuance.

1. Hold an associate's degree or higher from a GaPSC accepted accredited institution in a healthcare-related field;
2. Hold a valid healthcare professional license, registration, or certification that relates to the healthcare field and has been issued by an appropriate governing or regulatory body, which may be found [here](#);
3. Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field;
4. Complete the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Entry Assessment;
5. Meet Standards of Conduct; and
6. Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(b) The Provisional certificate will be issued for one (1)-year pending verification of enrollment in a GaPSC-accepted educator preparation program leading to certification in the certification field held by the individual. Once enrolled in a GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted program, the certificate will be extended for two additional years (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(c) Conversion.

1. Complete a GaPSC-accepted program in the field of issuance;
2. Meet the following Special Georgia Requirements:
 - (i) Pass or exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment;
 - (ii) Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better;

- (iii) Complete the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment; and
- (iv) Standards of Conduct.

3. Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(d) The Standard Professional certificate or Performance-Based certificate will be issued based on meeting experience requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(3) Induction Requirements.

(a) Five (5)-Year Induction (For Individuals Lacking Teaching Experience to Qualify for Professional Certification).

1. Issuance.

- (i) Hold an associate's degree or higher from a GaPSC accepted accredited institution in a healthcare-related field;
- (ii) Verify completion of a GaPSC-accepted program in the field, hold a valid or expired professional certificate in the field from another state, or verify completion of a GaPSC-accepted program in the field from another country;
 - (I) For individuals who completed a GaPSC-approved program in the field, pass or exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment is required.
- (iii) Pass the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment;
- (iv) Have less than three (3) years of successful experience while holding a professional certificate;
- (v) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
- (vi) Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

2. Conversion.

- (i) Earn three years of successful experience while holding a professional certificate;
- (ii) For individuals applying based on reciprocity or completion of a GaPSC-accepted program from another state or country, meet the following requirement;
 - (I) Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better.
- (iii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
- (iv) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

3. The Standard Professional certificate or Performance-Based certificate will be issued based on meeting experience requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(b) Three (3)-Year Induction (Teaching Out-of-Field).

1. Issuance.

- (i) Hold a valid five (5) year Induction certificate in any teaching field;
- (ii) Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field;
- (iii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
- (iv) Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

2. Conversion.

- (i) Hold a valid healthcare professional license, registration, or certification that relates to the healthcare field and has been issued by an appropriate governing or regulatory body, which may be found here;
- (ii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
- (iii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(c) The Standard Professional certificate or Performance-Based certificate will be issued based on meeting experience requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(4) Professional Requirements (For individuals with Three or More Years of Educator Experience).

(a) Issuance.

1. Hold an associate's degree or higher in a healthcare-related field;
2. Verify completion of a GaPSC-accepted program in the field, hold a valid or expired professional certificate in the field from another state; or verify completion of a GaPSC-accepted program in the field from another country;
 - (l) For individuals who completed a GaPSC-approved program in the field, pass or exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment is required.
3. Pass the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment;
4. Have a minimum of three (3) years of successful experience while holding a professional certificate;
5. Meet Standards of Conduct; and
6. Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(b) Renewal.

1. Meet requirements outlined in the Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS;
2. Meet Standards of Conduct; and
3. Individuals applying based on reciprocity or completion of a program out-of-state or out-of-country must satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better as part of renewal requirements.

(c) The Standard Professional certificate or Performance-Based certificate will be issued based on meeting experience requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(5) Non-Renewable Professional.

(a) One (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional (Issued to Individuals Who Have Not Completed Renewal Requirements).

1. Issuance.
 - (i) Hold an expired professional Georgia certificate in the field;
 - (ii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
 - (iii) Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.
2. Conversion.
 - (i) Verify completion of requirements outlined in Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS;
 - (ii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
 - (iii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.
3. The Standard Professional certificate or Performance-Based certificate will be issued based on meeting experience requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(b) Three (3)-year Non-Renewable Professional. (Teaching Out-of-Field)

1. Issuance.
 - (i) Hold a valid Five (5)-Year professional certificate;
 - (ii) Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field;
 - (iii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
 - (iv) Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

2. Conversion.

- (i) Hold a valid healthcare professional license, registration, or certification that relates to the healthcare field and has been issued by an appropriate governing or regulatory body, which may be found [here](#);
- (ii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
- (iii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

3. The Standard Professional certificate or Performance-Based certificate will be issued based on meeting experience requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE).

(6) Permit (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT).**(7) To Add the Field (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD).**

(a) To add Healthcare Science to a Professional teaching certificate, an individual must meet the following:

- (i) Hold a valid healthcare professional license, registration, or certification that relates to the healthcare field and has been issued by an appropriate governing or regulatory body, which may be found [here](#);
- (ii) Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field;
- (iii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and
- (iv) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(b) To add Healthcare Science to a Service or Leadership certificate when a (5)-year Induction or Professional teaching field has not been established, an individual must:

- (i) Hold an associate's degree or higher from a GaPSC accepted accredited institution in a healthcare-related field;
- (ii) Complete a GaPSC-accepted program in the field of issuance;
- (iii) Hold a valid healthcare professional license, registration, or certification that relates to the healthcare field and has been issued by an appropriate governing or regulatory body, which may be found [here](#);
- (iv) Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field;
- (v) Complete the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment;
- (vi) Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better;
- (vii) Meet Standards of Conduct; and

(viii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

(8) Additional Certificate Titles Issued in the Field.

- (a) International Exchange Certificate (See CERTIFICATION RULE 505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE).
- (b) Retired Educator. (See CERTIFICATION RULE 505-2-.44 RETIRED EDUCATOR).

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

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

(11) 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.