



Summary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Educator Preparation Rules

Initiated: October 12, 2023

Public Comment Period: October 26, 2023 – November 24, 2023

At its October 12, 2023, meeting, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process for the Educator Preparation rules listed below. A summary of proposed rule amendments is 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 **October 26, 2023, through November 24, 2023**. Written comments related to these rules must be addressed to GaPSC Executive Secretary, Mr. Matt Arthur, and may be submitted via e-mail (RulesComments@GaPSC.com) or via regular mail (200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1716, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032). Commissioners will consider formal adoption of proposed rule amendments during their regular meeting on December 14, 2023. If you have questions about the proposed amendments, please contact Penney McRoy at penney.mcroy@gapsc.com.

Proposed Educator Preparation Proposed Rule Changes		
Rule # 505-3-	Rule Name	Summary
.01	Requirements and Standards for Approving Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs	Amendments are proposed to allow out-of-state organizations Accredited by CAEP (without conditions or probation) and approved by the home state (without conditions or probation) to seek GaPSC approval to offer non-credit-bearing certification-only programs leading to initial teacher certification. Clarifications are included related to embedded endorsement programs, approval process requirements, certain definitions, and to remove outdated language.
.02	Educator Preparation Provider Annual Reporting and Evaluation	Amendments are proposed to the January 1, 2023, rules version to remove outdated language related to PPEMs.
.63	Curriculum and Instruction Program	Proposed is repealing the May 2014 version to update program content standards and reduce required content/content pedagogy coursework from nine or twelve hours to six hours.

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.70	Speech-Language Associate Program	This is a proposed new Service (S) field rule that, if adopted, will result in the preparation of individuals at the baccalaureate degree level qualified to support certified Speech-Language Pathologists.
.71	Speech and Language Pathology Program	Amendments are proposed to update program content standards.
.72	Teacher Leadership Program	Amendments are proposed to update program content standards.
.76	Alternative Preparation for Educational Leadership Program	Amendments are proposed to change program admission requirements to ensure admitted candidates hold a minimum of a master's degree from a GaPSC-accepted accredited college or university, and to clarify the requirement that candidates must work in leadership positions for at least one-half day or more each day.
.92	K-5 Mathematics Endorsement	Proposed is repealing the August 2023 version, which includes an outdated set of program content standards and replacing it with an updated version to include the current program content standards.
.104	Teacher Leader Endorsement	Amendments are proposed to update program content standards.