

**505-3-.78. Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier 1 Program**

**Nature of Amendment(s):**

☒ Substantive  
☐ Clarification  
☐ Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-78 Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I Program, dated January 1, 2025, be AMENDED to allow for the deactivation of single-field programs in the fields of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I after the dual-field program is approved.

**Current/Amended Sections(s):**

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

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states requirements for programs resulting in certification in the two fields of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I, and it supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS](#).

(2) **Definitions.**

- (a) Assessment Attempt: A candidate is considered to have attempted a state-approved assessment if it results in an official score on all parts of the assessment.
- (b) Dual-field Program: An educator preparation program resulting in candidates meeting, through the completion of one degree program, all requirements and standards for two fields of certification as defined by two distinct Educator Preparation Rules.

(3) **Requirements.**

- (a) Approval. To offer this dual-field program, the EPP must first be approved to offer both single-field programs. The dual-field program will be Developmentally approved through the GaPSC Substantive Change process. For subsequent approval reviews (First Continuing and Continuing), the dual-field program will be reviewed separately from the two single-field programs. **After Developmental approval is granted for the dual-field program, the EPP is not required to maintain approval for the single-field programs.**
- (b) Admission. The EPP shall ensure candidates meet all admission requirements specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.63 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION](#), and all Tier I admission requirements specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP](#).
- (c) Program Content. The EPP shall ensure candidates meet all standards and complete all requirements specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.63 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION](#), and all the standards and requirements specified for Tier I preparation in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.77 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP](#).
- (d) Partnerships and Clinical Experiences. The EPP shall assure that P-12 employers and partner schools and districts agree to support candidates in meeting all program field and clinical practice requirements. The EPP shall secure fully executed Partnership Agreements with employers of all candidates before candidates begin coursework.
- (e) Assessments. Candidates must attempt the state-approved content assessment for Curriculum and Instruction and the state-approved content assessment for Educational Leadership Tier I prior to program completion.

- (f) EPP Agreements. The EPP shall require each admitted candidate to sign an agreement acknowledging all program and certification requirements. The agreement will specify that requirements must be met for both fields of certification and that the state-approved content assessment for both fields must be attempted prior to program completion.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200.