



Professional Standards Commission  
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**NOTICE**

**TO:** ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

**FROM:** Professional Standards Commission and  
Matt Arthur, Executive Secretary

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2022, as follows: 505-2-.90, and 505-2-.173; (2) **amending** the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2022, as follows: 505-3-.01; and (3) **amending** the current rule in Chapter 505-6- Professional Practices, effective January 1, 2022, as follows: 505-6-.01.

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. **Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to [RulesComments@GaPSC.com](mailto:RulesComments@GaPSC.com) or mail to Rules Comments, Georgia Professional Standards Commission, 200 Piedmont Avenue, SE, Suite 1716, West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before November 27, 2021.** Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Professional Standards Commission will consider the proposed rules during its regular meeting on December 9, 2021, currently scheduled to be held virtually and in-person at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the GaPSC Conference Room, West Tower, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, located at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

### **Discussion (Certification)**

#### **505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS, dated July 1, 2021, be AMENDED to add a specialization in Health Information Technology.

#### **505-2-.173 READING ENDORSEMENT**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.173 READING ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to update formatting, revise the certificate types issued, and clarify the grade level at which Reading may be taught by a Reading Endorsement holder.

### **Discussion (Educator Preparation)**

#### **505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, dated January 1, 2021, be AMENDED to include the following clarifications and substantive changes:

1. To address SB88, requirements for the preparation of teachers of reading are revised to include the development of fundamental reading skills, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.
2. Program admission requirements are updated for consistency with revised approval standards effective academic year 2022-23. Included are more flexibility options for EPPs with regard to GPA and the Program Admission Assessment.
3. Requirements are revised for embedded endorsement programs.
4. Changes and clarifications are made to the types of organizations eligible to seek GaPSC approval.
5. Clinical experience setting requirements are clarified.
6. Approval review procedures are updated for EPPs seeking or maintaining CAEP accreditation.
7. Other, non-substantive amendments further explain definitions and adjust punctuation and formatting.

### **Discussion (Professional Practices)**

#### **505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-6-.01 THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS, dated April 15, 2021, be AMENDED to add to definitions and expound on standards.

### **Adoption of Rules**

The GaPSC will be considering the adoption of these rules at the December 9, 2021, meeting of the Commission to be held virtually and in-person at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the GaPSC Conference Room, West Tower, 17th Floor, located at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032.