



Georgia Professional Standards Commission Educator Preparation - Program Approval

Overview of Steps to Becoming a GaPSC-approved Educator Preparation Provider (EPP)

1. Institution, agency, or organization reviews GaPSC Educator Preparation [Rule 505-3-.01](#) paragraph (3) (a), to determine eligibility for the GaPSC approval review process.
2. Institution, agency, or organization contacts EduPrep@gapsc.com to indicate interest.
3. If eligible, institution, agency or organization submits [Readiness Framework](#).
 - [Readiness Framework Guidance Document](#) and [Readiness Self-Assessment Checklist](#) are two guiding documents.
4. If Readiness Framework demonstrates the capacity to meet the [Georgia Standards for the Approval of Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs](#), applicant submits Intent to Seek Approval Form (electronically).
5. Applicant submits the Self Study, Program Reports, and related evidence (electronically)
 - Self Study addresses the Georgia Standards at the EPP level
 - Program Reports (one for each program) address the Georgia Standards at the program level
6. Formative Review by Approval Review Team
 - Peer reviewers formatively review Self Study, Program Reports, and related evidence to determine gaps in evidence, areas in need of additional explanation, and questions to pursue during the summative review (institution, agency or organization personnel are not involved in this process)
 - The resulting report is sent to the applicant
7. In response to the Formative Feedback Report, the applicant prepares an Addendum to the Self Study and Program Reports to:
 - Respond to questions and areas in need of additional explanation
 - Address gaps in evidence
 - Addendum becomes part of the documentation for summative review
8. Summative Review by Approval Review Team
 - Peer reviewers conduct interviews and review additional documentation to determine if the Georgia Standards are met for the EPP and the program(s)
 - One to three days in length (depending upon the number of programs reviewed)
9. Professional Standards Commission votes on approval status
 - Two to four months after the summative review

Entire process takes up to two years.