

**505-2-.87 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. Pass the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment.
5. Meet Standards of Conduct.
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) Have passed the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment.
  - (iv) Meet 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) Have passed 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.
- (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.
- (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.
  - (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.
  - (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. Have passed 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 Requirements.**

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
  - (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:
- 1. 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](#).
  - 2. Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field.
  - 3. Meet Standards of Conduct.
  - 4. 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:
- 1. Hold an associate's degree or higher from a GaPSC accepted accredited institution in a healthcare-related field.
  - 2. Complete a GaPSC-accepted program in the field of issuance.
  - 3. 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](#).
  - 4. Have a minimum of two (2) years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field.
  - 5. Complete the Georgia Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment.
  - 6. Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better.
  - 7. Meet Standards of Conduct.
  - 8. 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 GaPSC Rule [505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE](#)).

(b) Retired Educator. (See GaPSC 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](http://www.gapsc.com).

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