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. Complete the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Entry Assessment;

5. Meet Standards of Conduct; and

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) Complete the GACE Educator Ethics – Program Exit Assessment; and
   
   (iv) 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) Pass 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; and
   (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; and
   (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; and

(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; and

(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;

   (I) For individuals who completed a GaPSC-approved program in the field, pass or exempt the GACE Program Admission Assessment is required.

3. Pass 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; and

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; and

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.

(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; and

   (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; and

   (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; and

   (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; and

(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; and

   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; and

   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.

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