

## Rule 505-2-.90. Career and Technical Specializations

(1) **Summary:** Career and Technical Specializations are one part of the larger area of education curriculum known as Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE). Career and Technical Specializations certification is based on a combination of occupational experience, industry licensing and assessments, and formal study. Upon the receipt of a Provisional certificate, the individual must affiliate with and complete a GaPSC-approved program offered as New Teacher Institute (NTI) or Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GATAPP) program in order to convert to the Induction or Professional certificate.

(2) **Areas of Specialization.** The following Career and Technical Specializations are offered:

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| a. Architectural Drawing and Design | n. Government and Public Administration         |
| b. Audio/Video Technology& Film     | o. Granite Technology                           |
| c. Automotive Service Technology    | p. Graphic Communications & Design              |
| d. Aviation                         | q. Health Information Technology                |
| e. Barbering                        | r. Information Technology                       |
| f. Collision Repair                 | s. Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security |
| g. Computer Animation               | t. Manufacturing and Engineering Sciences       |
| h. Construction                     | u. Marine Service Technology                    |
| i. Cosmetology                      | v. Nails  |
| j. Culinary Arts                    | w. Precision Machine Technology                 |
| k. Distribution & Logistics         | x. Sheet Metal                                  |
| l. Electronics Technology           | y. Welding Technology                           |
| m. Esthetics                        |   |

(3) **Provisional Requirements** (For Individuals Transitioning to a Career in Education).

(a) Issuance.

1. Pass the GACE Ethics for Teachers Assessment.
2. Have at least two (2) years of occupational work experience in the area of specialization.
  - (i) The fields of Aviation-Flight Operations, Computer Animation and Electronics Technology have options that do not require occupational work experience. Please refer to the chart of licensure options [HERE](#).
3. Satisfy minimum degree requirements and industry testing and/or licensure, which may be found [HERE](#).
  - (i) With the exception of the specializations in (l) below, individuals meeting all other requirements except industry testing and/or licensure may be issued a Provisional certificate. For those who do not meet the licensure requirement, it must be satisfied prior to conversion of the Provisional Certificate.
    - (l) The following fields require industry licensure for issuance of the initial Provisional Certificate: Barbering, Esthetics, Cosmetology, and Nails.
4. Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY 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 area of

- specialization held by the educator. Once enrolled in a GaPSC-approved program, the certificate will be extended for two additional years (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.08 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)).
- (c) Conversion.
1. Complete a GaPSC-approved program in the area of specialization of issuance.
  2. Meet the following Special Georgia Requirements:
    - (i) Satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better.
    - (ii) Pass the GACE ~~Educator~~ Ethics for Teachers Assessment.
    - (iii) Pass the required GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment.
  3. Hold an associate's degree or higher.
    - (i) If all requirements in (3)(c) above have been completed with the exception of the associate's degree, the local unit of administration may request a second Provisional certificate.
  4. Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY 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](#).
- (4) Induction Requirements** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE](#)).
- (a) Five (5)-year Induction (For Individuals Lacking Teaching Experience to Qualify for Professional Certification).
1. Issuance.
    - (i) Hold the appropriate degree level from a GaPSC accepted accredited institution in the area of specialization, which may be found [HERE](#).
    - (ii) Verify completion of a GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted program in the area of specialization, 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.
    - (iii) Pass the GACE ~~Educator~~ Ethics for Teachers Assessment.
    - (iv) Pass the required GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment unless exemption criteria are met as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENT](#).
    - (v) Have less than three (3) years of successful teaching experience while holding a professional certificate.
    - (vi) Apply for certification following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27](#)

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2. Conversion.
    - (i) Earn three years of successful experience.
    - (ii) For individuals applying based on reciprocity or completion of a GaPSC-accepted program from another state or country, satisfy the Special Education requirement with a grade of B or better.
    - (iii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY 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) Hold the appropriate degree level from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution in the area of specialization, which may be found HERE.
    - (iii) Have at least two (2) years of occupational work experience in the field.
    - (iv) Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES.
  2. Conversion.
    - (i) Satisfy an industry testing and/or hold licensure in the field, which may be found HERE.
    - (ii) Pass the required GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment unless exemption criteria are met as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENT.
    - (iii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY 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.

**(5) Professional Requirements.**

- (a) Issuance.

1. Hold the appropriate degree level from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution in the area of specialization, which may be found [HERE](#).
  2. Verify completion of a GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted program in the area of specialization, 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) Have a minimum of three (3) years of successful experience while holding a Professional certificate.
  3. Pass or exempt the GACE Ethics for Teachers Assessment.
  4. Pass the required GACE Fundamentals of the Science of literacy assessment or met exemption criteria as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENT](#).
  5. Apply for certification following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES](#).
- (b) Renewal.
1. Verify completion of requirements outlined in the renewal rule (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#)).
  2. Individuals applying based on reciprocity or completion of a GaPSC-accepted 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](#).
- (6) Non-Renewable Professional Requirements.**
- (a) One-year Non-Renewable Professional (Issued to individuals who have not completed renewal requirements or cannot exempt the GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment when applying by reciprocity).
1. Issuance.
    - (i) Hold an expired professional Georgia certificate or valid or expired professional out-of-state certificate in the field.
    - (ii) Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES](#).
  2. Conversion.
    - (i) For Georgia educators with expired certificates, verify completion requirements outlined in the renewal rule. (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#))

- (ii) For out-of-state educators applying by reciprocity, pass the required GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment or meet exemption criteria as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENT](#).
    - (iii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY 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.
- 1. Issuance.
    - (i) Hold a valid Five (5)-Year Professional teaching certificate.
    - (ii) Meet the minimum education level required for the area of specialization, which may be found [HERE](#).
    - (iii) Have at least two (2) years of occupational work experience in the area of specialization or the GaPSC-determined equivalent.
    - (iv) Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES](#).
  - 2. Conversion.
    - (i) Satisfy an industry testing and/or hold licensure in the field, which may be found [HERE](#).
    - (ii) Pass the required GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment or meet exemption criteria as outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENT](#).
    - (iii) Apply for conversion following procedures outlined in Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY 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](#).
- (7) **Permit** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.10 PERMIT](#)).
- (8) **To Add the Field** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD](#)).
- (a) To add a Career and Technical Specialization to a renewable professional teaching certificate, the individual must meet the minimum education level required for the area of specialization found [HERE](#), hold the industry testing and update licensure in good standing required for the area of specialization outlined in section (3)(a) above, and have at least two (2) years of

occupational work experience in the area of specialization or the GaPSC-determined equivalent, and pass the required GACE Fundamentals of the Science of Reading literacy assessment.

**(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.** Individuals certified in Career and Technical Specializations are in-field to teach specified Georgia curriculum courses in grades 6-12. 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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