

## 505-3-.45 DANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

(1) **Purpose.** This rule describes requirements and field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach dance in grades P-12 and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS](#).

(2) **Requirements.** To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program as described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards based on the competencies published by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD) (2015):

1. Theoretical and Historical Studies. The Candidate will have comprehensive coursework in dance studies leading to knowledge of dance history, repertory, and ethnology, movement analysis; dance and movement sciences; and music production.

(i) Candidates will learn to analyze dance perceptively and evaluate it critically.

(ii) Candidates will develop working physical, verbal, and written vocabularies based on an understanding and interpretation of the common elements of dance and be able to employ this knowledge in analysis.

(iii) Candidates will be able to place dances in historical, cultural, and stylistic contexts, and perceive dance as an evolving arts discipline.

(iv) Candidates will be able to form, articulate, and defend individual critiques, critical analyses, and evaluations about dance.

(v) Candidates shall have fundamental knowledge of the body, and understand the fundamentals of developmental kinesiology sufficiently to correlate student learning and development with age and physical motor skills.

2. Technique Study. The Candidate will have continuous and sequenced course-based instruction in technique, improvisation, composition, repertory, and individual performance competencies. Technique study and individual performance competencies will be continuous and sequential, and result in the attainment of an intermediate or advanced level comparable to proficiency required for the institution's non-certificate degree in at least two forms of technique.

(i) Candidates will develop a physical and conceptual understanding of movement and its expressive possibilities, including issues associated with student health and safety.

(ii) Candidates will have opportunities to experience and develop an appreciation and understanding of dance forms and styles from diverse cultures.

3. Choreography and Production. The Candidate will gain knowledge, skills, and dispositions through concentrated experience leading to proficiency in choreography and production through applied experiences.

(i) Candidates will develop and infuse elements of creativity, aesthetics, historical styles and current trends in choreography to include expressiveness, theatricality and technical interpretation.

(ii) Candidate will plan instruction which includes diverse choreographic perspectives, methods and processes.

(iii) As a competent choreographer, the candidate will be able to create expressive performances with various types of groups and in general classroom situations.

(iv) Program completion requirements must include two years of work in improvisation/composition; and choreography, performance, and production of original work.

4. Teaching Competencies. The candidate will be able to teach dance at various levels to different age groups and in a variety of classroom, studio, and ensemble settings that includes effective classroom, studio, and rehearsal management.

(i) Candidates will understand child growth and development and principles of learning as they relate to dance.

(ii) Candidates will be able to assess, adapt, and plan educational programs for the aptitudes, experiences, socio-cultural backgrounds, and orientations to meet the needs of all learners.

(iii) Candidates will be knowledgeable of current methods, materials, and repertoires available in various fields and levels of dance education appropriate to the teaching specialization.

(iv) Candidates will understand and apply the principles and methods of developing curricula and the sequence of methods and units to comprise them.

(v) Candidates will understand assessment tools for formative and summative assessments.

[Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200](#)