

**505-2-.08 CAREER, TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08 CAREER, TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION be INITIATED to establish the Career, Technical and Agricultural tier of Georgia's Educator Tiered Certification structure.

**(1) Purpose.** Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) provides academic skills and real-world experiences necessary to prepare for the competitive workforce. In CTAE programs and courses, students are prepared for post-secondary education and immediate employment after high school. CTAE prepares Georgia's future workforce and industries to compete in the global marketplace. Certificates issued in CTAE include the teaching certificate based on a bachelor's degree or higher with completion of a state-approved program and the teaching certificate based on a combination of occupational experience, industry licensing and assessments, and formal study. Georgia's CTAE is organized into seventeen (17) [Career Clusters](#) to allow students to choose an area of interest in high school. Each cluster will include multiple career pathways and fields of certification.

**(2) Fields.** CTAE certificate fields are:

- (a) Agriculture (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.84 AGRICULTURE);
- (b) Business (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.85 BUSINESS);
- (c) Family and Consumer Sciences (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.86 FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES);
- (d) Healthcare Science Technology Education (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION);
- (e) Marketing (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.88 MARKETING);
- (f) Technology (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.89 TECHNOLOGY); and
- (g) Trade and Industrial Education (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION).

**(3) Requirements.**

(a) To qualify for an Induction teaching certificate in the fields of Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, Marketing, and Technology, an individual must meet requirements outlined in Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE.

(b) To qualify for a renewable Professional teaching certificate in the fields of Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, Marketing, and Technology, an individual must meet requirements outlined in Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE.

(c) To qualify for an Induction teaching certificate in Trade and Industrial Education or Healthcare Science Technology Education, an individual must meet eligibility criteria outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION; GaPSC Rule 505-2-.87 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION; or GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT CERTIFICATE for the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC).

(d) To qualify for renewable Professional certification in Trade and Industrial Education or Healthcare Science Technology Education, an individual must complete the following while holding an Induction certificate:

1. For individuals with less than an associate's degree or equivalent who have been issued a level one (1) Induction certificate in Trade and Industrial Education:

(i) During the initial three (3)-year validity period, the individual must affiliate with a state-approved program in CTAE, satisfy the program requirements and be recommended by the educator preparation provider (EPP) for a second Induction certificate. CTAE programs are offered as New Teacher Institute (NTI) or Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) programs. Requirements for completion of the program include college-level course work and/or Professional Learning Units (PLUs) in professional education, Special Georgia Requirements as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS and completion of the Program Admission assessment. Information on the Program Admission assessment may be found at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com). Additional information on the specific program requirements for each field is available from the individual approved program providers.

(ii) Upon completion of the initial certificate requirements, the local unit of administration (LUA) may request a second Induction certificate. During this final Induction period, individuals must obtain an associate's degree or level two (2) equivalent as outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION and meet any outstanding industry testing or licensure requirements for specific Trade and Industrial Education fields identified in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

2. For individuals that hold an associate's degree or higher and have been issued an Induction certificate in Healthcare Science Technology Education or Trade and Industrial Education:

(i) During the three (3)-year validity of the Induction certificate, the individual must affiliate with a GAPSC-approved program in CTAE, satisfy the program requirements, including applicable Special Georgia requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS, and be recommended by the EPP for Professional certification. CTAE programs are offered as New Teacher Institute or GaTAPP programs. Requirements for completion of the program include: college-level course work and/or PLUs in professional education; meeting any outstanding industry testing or licensure requirements for specific Trade and Industrial Education fields identified in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION; and completion of the Program Admission assessment. Information on the Program Admission assessment may be found at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com). Additional information on the specific program requirements for each field is available from the individual approved program providers.

(e) For specific Trade and Industrial Education fields identified in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.90 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, the Induction certificate may be issued at the request of the LUA to individuals who do not yet meet industry testing or licensure requirements. The following conditions must be met:

(i) The LUA shall identify on the Employer Assurance form that the individual is the best available candidate;

(ii) The certificate application packet shall include an Individual Development Plan (IDP) that addresses how the system and applicant shall work together to ensure that all requirements, to include those which may be specific to the field of employment, will be satisfied during the Induction certificate period.

**(4) In-Field Statement.** Educators certified in CTAE 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 System (CAPS) on the GaPSC website at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

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