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Protecting Georgia's Higher Standard of Learning

Agenda



- **CTAE Leadership Certification**
- **Highly Qualified CTAE Teachers**
- **Understanding CAPS**
- **CTAE Certification Rules**
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OLD “L” CERTIFICATE

Holders of Clear Renewable L-5, L-6 or L-7 certificates issued prior to SEPTEMBER 30, 2009:

GRANDFATHERED - KEEP “L” CERTIFICATE

- Certificate will NOT be Performance-Based.
- Renew with standard requirements.
- Continue to be eligible to be hired/serve as leaders.
- If L-5, do not have to move to L-6 or 7.
- May elect to add PB Designators, not required.



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DO CTAE SUPERVISORS WHO TEACH NEED LEADERSHIP CERT?

- **What does system job description for position say about certification?**
- **Does CTAE teacher evaluate those persons they “supervise”?**



HIGHLY QUALIFIED CTAE TEACHERS



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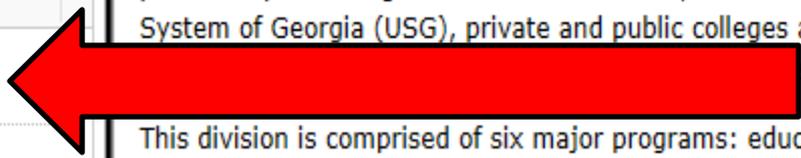
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Title II-A LEA Handbook

2014 LEA Handbook

The ESEA/NCLB Title II, Part A LEA Handbook: A Guide for Advancing Teacher Quality in Georgia Schools is provided to assist educators in Georgia responsible for implementing Title II, Part A Programs in their school systems. The guide is intended to provide information and explain federal guidelines concerning Title II, Part A in order to successfully implement requirements established by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

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TITLE II, PART A SPECIALISTS

Each of Georgia's Local Education Agencies (LEA) that receives Title II, Part A funds from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is provided monitoring and technical assistance services by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission's regional Title II, Part A Education Specialists. Each specialist serves an assigned region of the state, consisting of multiple LEAs. In addition, each LEA appoints a Title II, Part A Coordinator who collaborates with the assigned state Education Specialist.

For assistance with Title II, Part A, please first contact your LEA's Title II, Part A Coordinator. Following are the regional assignments for the GaPSC's Title II, Part A Education Specialists.

TITLE II, PART- A REGIONAL MAP AND CONTACT INFORMATION

To identify the GaPSC's Title II, Part A Education Specialist assigned to your school system, as well as access contact information, [click here](#) (.pdf) ([requires Adobe Reader](#)).



DEFINITION OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN GEORGIA

**Definition as found in Georgia Title II-A
Implementation Guidelines:**

“3.01 To be considered “highly qualified” to teach in the State of Georgia, teachers must be professionally certified to teach by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and be teaching in their field(s) of certification.”



HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS MUST:

- Hold a bachelor's degree from GaPSC-accepted accredited institution of higher education.
- Hold a valid Georgia teaching certificate.
- Have a major or equivalent in **core subject(s)** they teach and/or have passed the GA content assessment for those subject(s).
- Have a teaching assignment appropriate for fields listed on teaching certificate. **(See CAPS)**



CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

Core Academic Subjects as defined in Georgia Title II-A Implementation Guidelines:

“4.01 Core academic subjects include English, reading, language arts, mathematics, broad-field science (such as physics, biology, or chemistry), foreign languages, broad-field social studies (such as civics and government, economics, history, geography), and the arts (visual arts, music, band and chorus). Dance and drama are not core academic subjects.”



CAPS

(Certification/Curriculum Assignment
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who has been teaching less than a total of three complete school years [Title IX, Part A, Section 9101(3)].

3.04 A *veteran* teacher is one who is not new to the profession and is defined as a teacher in a public school who has been teaching a total of three or more complete school years.

3.05 Veteran teachers who are fully certified in another state and have a major and/or passed a required content assessment in Georgia or the state in which they are certified are eligible for clear renewable certification (See Section 5.02.2 and 5.02.3) and are considered “highly qualified,” provided the teachers’ assignments are appropriate for their certification areas and levels. For those who have not passed a state content assessment, the teacher must either pass the required GACE examination(s) for their specific teaching field(s) or meet the HOUSSE requirement (See 11.03 for HOUSSE stipulations.).

3.06 Teachers who have been prepared through alternative routes and who hold clear renewable certificates are considered “highly qualified,” provided the teachers’ assignments are appropriate for their certification areas and levels.

3.07 The Certification/Curriculum Alignment Project (CAPS) identifies certification areas that are acceptable to teach a state approved course. Teachers who satisfy the requirements listed in Section 3.08 are considered “highly qualified” to teach the subjects authorized by CAPS.

3.08 Fully Certified and “Highly Qualified”
Teachers who are fully certified and “highly qualified” have met all requirements including:

- Clear renewable certificate and
- Major/concentration in the content area or
- PSC-required content assessment or
- HOUSSE, if applicable (See 11.03 for HOUSSE stipulations) and
- Appropriate teaching assignment



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Educator Certification Division

Georgia Certification Regulations and Procedures

The people of Georgia established within our state Constitution that "the provision of an adequate public education for the citizens shall be a primary obligation of the State of Georgia." Educating our children continues to be Georgia's most important undertaking. Title 20, Education, of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.), outlines the legal guidelines that govern the state education program.

Title 20 created the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) and assigns it responsibility for providing a regulatory system for "certifying and classifying" professional employees in public schools. Title 20 also requires the professional employees of all Georgia public elementary and secondary schools to hold state certification.

Certification regulations and procedures are established to evaluate the credentials of prospective teachers as well as other professional employees in the schools, to ensure they meet specified preparation standards and requirements. State certification provides a standardized base-level of professional knowledge and skills for the educators working in public schools. Like many other states, Georgia has adopted a combination of individualized requirements and some commonly used standards developed by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). The Georgia Professional Standards Commission outlines the state certification system in Rules and Procedures for the Certification of Education Personnel.

In addition to meeting the academic and assessment requirements and standards, Georgia professional educators are expected to be of good moral character. Title 20 creates an Educator Ethics section, responsible for adopting state "standards of performance and a code of ethics for educators." The Educator Ethics is also responsible for investigating allegations of educator misconduct and providing recommendations for disciplinary actions to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Georgia, a member of the NASDTEC National Clearinghouse, reports state disciplinary actions imposed against certified individuals to the national database. While state and federal police background checks are not part of the certification process, fingerprinting and FBI background checks are required for professional employment in Georgia public schools.

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Subject Area:

Grade Level:

Course Number:

Course Title Keyword:

Certification Field:



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Subject Area:

Grade Level:

Course Number: Course Title Keyword:

Certification Field:

Click a course number to see the course details and the appropriate certificate(s).

Course #	Course Title	Phrase/Certificates	Effective date	Expired date
48.54200	Survey of Engineering Graphics (ACCT-SEG)	DRAFTING OCCUPATIONS CLUSTER	3/5/2008	
		ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING AND DESIGN	3/5/2008	
		MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES	3/5/2008	
		TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (6-12)	3/5/2008	

You can download the entire CAPS database in Excel (.csv) format. (When you click the button labeled "Download", a window will pop up asking if you want to save or open the file. Click the "save" button to save the file on your computer, or click the "open" button to open it.)



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Career/Technology Education

Commonly referred to as “Vocational Education”

TEACHING (T) certificate fields require:

Bachelor’s degree or higher

State-approved program

TECHNICAL SPECIALIST (TS) certificates require:

High school diploma/GED up to bachelor’s degree
depending on the specific field

Occupational experience

Industry licensing/tests

Formal study

State-approved program



Career/Technology Education

Teaching (T) certificate fields:

Agriculture Education 6-12

Business Education 6-12

Family and Consumer Sciences Education 6-12 (formerly Home Economics)

Marketing Education 6-12 (formerly Distributive Education)

Technology Education 6-12 (formerly Industrial Arts)



Career/Technology Education

Specific entry-level requirements for **Teaching** (T) certificate fields:

1. Bachelor's degree or higher from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution
 2. Pass or exempt the GACE Basic Skills Tests
 3. Pass the GACE Subject Area Tests in the field
 4. Employment in a Georgia school system
- Issue Non-Renewable Non-Professional Teaching (NNT) certificate for 3 years
 - Must complete state-approved preparation program which includes a student teaching internship to convert to Clear Renewable Teaching (T) certificate during 3 year validity



Career/Technology Education

Technical Specialist (TS) certificate areas:

Trade and Industrial Education (T & I)

Healthcare Science Technology Education (HSTE)

505-2-.96 TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION

(1) Trade and Industrial Education is one part of the larger area of education curriculum known as Career Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE). Only Technical Specialist certificates are issued in the Trade and Industrial Education field and they are based on a combination of occupational experience, industry licensing and assessments, and formal study. Upon the receipt of an initial certificate, the educator must affiliate with and complete a state-approved program in Trade and Industrial Education in order to convert to the Clear Renewable Technical Specialist certificate.

(2) Technical Specialist Certificate Areas of Specialization within the field of Trade and Industrial Education are:

Automotive Service Technology

Aviation

Broadcast and Video Production

Collision Repair

Construction (Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing and Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVACR))

Cosmetology

Electronic Technology

Architectural Drawing and Design

Granite Technology

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Trade and Industrial Education (T&I) fields:

Automotive Service Technology

Broadcast/Video Production

Construction

Culinary Arts

Architectural Drawing/Design

Graphic Communications/Design

Manufacturing/Engineering Sciences

Public Safety

Telecommunications

Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC)

Aviation

Collision Repair

Cosmetology

Electronic Technology

Granite Technology

Information Technology (IT)

Precision Machine Technology

Sheet Metal

Welding Technology



Career/Technology Education

Some **Trade and Industrial Education** (T&I) field updates:

OLD NAME

NEW NAME

Drafting

Architectural Drawing and Design

Carpentry

Construction

Masonry

Construction

HRVAC

Construction

Auto Mechanics

Automotive Service Technology

Food Service

Culinary Arts

Commercial Arts

Graphic Communication and Design



Career/Technology Education

Some Trade and Industrial (T & I) Technical Specialist (TS) fields discontinued to be included in Teaching (T) field umbrella

OLD “TS” CERT AREA

Agricultural Mechanics

Ornamental Horticulture

Apparel & Accessories/Fabrics

Care & Guidance of Children

Data Processing

NEW “T” CERT AREA

Agriculture Education

Agriculture Education

Family and Consumer Science

Family and Consumer Science

Business Education



Career/Technology Education

Entry-level certification for **Trade and Industrial Education** (T & I) fields typically requires a combination of:

Occupational Experience

Industry licensure/testing

Formal Education



Career/Technology Education

Example: **Automotive Service Technology**

Specific entry-level requirements:

1. Hold a high school diploma or GED equivalent or higher
2. Hold valid certification from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) in the Automobile Technical Certification Series in all four areas of: Engine Performance; Suspension and Steering; Brakes; and Electrical/Electronic Systems**
3. Have at least 2 years of occupational work experience in the field
4. Employment in a Georgia school system in an automotive service technology teaching position

**If candidate does not have the ASE certification, the Non-Renewable Non-Professional Technical Specialist (NNTS) certificate can still be issued as long as all other entry-level requirements have been met.



Career/Technology Education

Non-Renewable Non-Professional Technical Specialist (NNTS) certificates in Trade and Industrial fields are valid for 3 years during which time the candidate must:

1. Complete a state-approved T & I program
2. Complete industry licensure/testing (if required)
3. Complete an associate's degree (or Level 2 equivalent) if not already completed.

NOTE: Candidates issued an NNTS certificate without an associate's degree can be issued a 3-year extension at the request of their school system to complete an associate's degree (or Level 2 equivalent) provided the items listed in items #1 & #2 above have been completed. The total validity of the NNTS certificate cannot exceed 6 years.



Career/Technology Education

Example: **Graphic Communication and Design**

Specific entry-level requirements:

1. Hold an associate's degree or higher from a PSC-accepted accredited institution with a major in graphic communication, OR graphic design, OR print management, OR industrial design, OR a PSC-determined equivalent
2. Have at least 2 years of occupational work experience in the field
3. Employment in a Georgia school system in a graphic communications teaching position
 - Issue Non-Renewable Non-Professional Level 2 Technical Specialist (NNTS) certificate in Graphic Communication and Design issued for 3 years
 - Candidate must complete a state-approved T & I program including a student teaching internship and be recommended for Clear Renewable certification during the 3-year validity period



Trade and Industrial Tests

NOCTI Exam Fields:

Construction
Electronic Technology
Architectural Drawing and Design
HVACR
Precision Machine Technology
Sheet Metal
Welding Technology

National Construction and Career Test (NCCT) Fields:

Construction
Heating, Ventilation, Air
Conditioning and Refrigeration
Welding

4. As outlined in [Rule 505-2-.39](#) (4)(c), applicants in this Area of Specialization not meeting paragraph 2. above may be issued a 3-year Non-Renewable Certificate.

(e) CONSTRUCTION: (Carpentry, Electrical, Masonry, Plumbing and Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVACR):

1. Option 1.

(i) Hold a minimum of a high school diploma or GED equivalent; and

(ii) Hold a Level IV certificate in Carpentry or Electrical or Plumbing or HVAC issued from the National Center for Construction Education and Research ([NCCER](#)); OR hold a Level III certificate in Masonry issued from the National Center for Construction Education and Research ([NCCER](#)); OR hold a Contractor license in Electrical, Plumbing or Conditioning Air issued by the Georgia Board of Construction Industry <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/construct/>; OR hold a Basic, Light Commercial, or General Contractor license issued by the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/contractors/default.htm> and

(iii) Have at least 2 years of occupational work experience in the field.

2. Option 2.

(i) Hold an associate's degree or higher in construction management or building construction or a GaPSC-determined equivalent; and

(ii) Have at least 2 years of occupational work experience in the field.



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Career/Technology Education



History of Healthcare Science Technology Ed (HSTE) certification

- Formerly one “vocational” certificate titled “Health Occupations”
- Became “HSTE” implemented with 7 specific health career areas
- Effective 7/15/09 “generic” HSTE certificate with no specific areas



Career/Technology Education

Entry-level certification for **Healthcare Science Technology Education (HSTE)** requires a combination of:

Occupational experience in a healthcare field

Healthcare licensure/registration/certification**

An associate's degree or higher in a healthcare related field

**NOTE: A table of health careers eligible to be considered for the HSTE certificate may be found at on the GaPSC website. However, school systems should select individuals with a healthcare background that is closely related to the pathways they will be teaching.

Effective July 15, 2009

505-2-.70 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (HSTE)

(1) Only Technical Specialist (TS) Certificates are issued in this Healthcare Science Technology Education (HSTE) field. These certificates are based on a combination of occupational work experience, industry licensing and assessments, and formal study. HSTE Technical Specialist certificates may be issued from level 2 to level 7 based on the highest degree level held by the applicant. A table of health careers eligible to be considered for the HSTE certificate may be found at www.gapsc.com; however, school systems should select individuals with a healthcare background that is closely related to the pathway(s) they will be teaching.

(2) To qualify for initial eligibility for the HSTE certificate, an applicant must:

(a) hold an associate's degree or higher in a healthcare related field;

(b) hold a current healthcare professional license, registration, or certification that relates to the healthcare field and has been issued by an appropriate governing or regulatory body ; and

(c) have a minimum of 2 years of occupational work experience in the healthcare field.

(3) Technical Specialist Certificate requirements and procedures are outlined in Rule [505-2-.39](#), paragraph (4) (b).

(4) To Add the Field (See Rule [505-2- 25](#))

Healthcare Careers

Information obtained from "Health Careers in Georgia" Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center. Information about certification, registration or licensure can be found at:
<http://www.sowega-ahec.org/2007HealthCareerGuide/TableOfContents.htm> (Will update Jan.2010)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE Health Career	Licensure Required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration, available?
Biomedical Equipment Technician	No	Yes
Cardiovascular Technologist	No	Yes
Dental Assistant	No	Yes
Dental Hygienist	Yes	Yes
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	No	Yes
Dietetic Technician	No	Yes
Health Information Technician	No	Yes
Histology Technician	No	Yes
Human Services Worker	No	Yes
Massage Therapist	Yes	Yes
Medical Assistant	No	Yes
Medical Coder	No	Yes
Medical Lab Technician	Hospitals in GA are required to hire certified technicians	Yes
Medical Transcriptionist	No	Yes

BACHELOR'S DEGREE Health Career	Licensure Required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration available?
Athletic Trainer	Yes	Yes
Biomedical Engineer	No	Yes
Cytotechnologist - Bachelor's Degree plus an additional Advanced Certificate	No	Yes
Dental Hygienist	Yes	Yes
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	No	Yes
Dietitian	Yes	Yes
Health Care Administrator	Only for nursing home administrators	Yes
Health Educator	No	Yes
Health Information Administrator	No	Yes
Histotechnologist	No	Yes
Human Services Worker	No	Yes
Industrial Hygienist	No	Yes
Medical Technologist	Hospitals in GA are required to hire certified technologist	Yes
Music Therapist	No	Yes
Nuclear Medicine Technologist	No	Yes
Perfusionist – must already have completed 2 years at an accredited college	Yes	Yes
Prosthetist and Orthotist	Yes	Yes

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MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL	DEGREES	
Health Career M – Master's DOC – Doctoral AC – Advanced Certificate – specialization added on to a B or M degree	Licensure required in Georgia?	Other certification or registration available?
Acupuncturist – M on to DOC	Yes	Yes
Anesthesiologist Assistant – M	Yes	Yes
Art Therapist – M	No	Yes
Audiologist – DOC	Yes	Yes
Biomedical Engineer – M	No	Yes
Chiropractor – DOC	Yes	Yes
Clinical Nurse Specialist – RN with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing – M	Yes	Yes
Counselor – M on to DOC	Yes	Yes
Dance Therapist – M	No	Yes
Dentist – DOC	Yes	N/A
Dietitian – M on to DOC	Yes	Yes
Doctor of Medicine – DOC	Yes	Yes – Medical Specialty boards
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine – DOC	Yes	Yes – Medical Specialty boards
Epidemiologist – M on to DOC And other Public Health areas of specialty found at http://www.sowega-ahec.org/2007HealthCareerGuide/Epidemiologist.htm	No	Yes – CPH certificate is available at http://www.publichealthexam.org/Exam.cfm
Genetic Counselor – M	No	Yes



Career/Technology Education

HSTE Entry-level requirements:

1. Hold an associate's degree or higher in a healthcare related field from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution
 2. Hold a current (valid) healthcare professional license that relates to the healthcare field
 3. Have at least 2 years of occupational work experience in the field
 4. Employment in a Georgia school system in an HSTE position
- Issue Non-Renewable Non-Professional Technical Specialist (NNTS) certificate in HSTE 3 years
 - Candidate must complete a state-approved HSTE program that includes a student teaching internship and be recommended for Clear Renewable certification during the 3-year validity period



New Teacher Institute

Trade and Industrial Education (T & I) and Healthcare Science Technology Education (HSTE) certification preparation programs are offered through the “New Teacher Institute” at the following Georgia institutions:

- Georgia State University
- University of Georgia
- Valdosta State University



GaTAPP CTAE Programs

- Trade and Industrial Education (T & I) and Healthcare Science Technology Education (HSTE) certification preparation programs are now also offered through the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP)
- GaTAPP program providers are available at most all RESAs and some school systems and colleges throughout Georgia (see link on GaPSC home page at www.gapsc.com)



Certificate Upgrades



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Policy/Guidelines

- [Rule 505-2-.41 Educator Certificate Upgrades](#), effective Dec 15, 2010
- [Guidance Document for Educator \(PDF 525Kb\)](#) -- updated 5/15/2012
- [Upgrade Transition Plan for 3 New Certificate Fields \(PDF 363Kb\)](#) -- updated 9/30/2011

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CERTIFICATE UPGRADES

Initial certification is still issued at the highest acceptable degree level held by the educator at the time of application per Cert Rule 505-2-.02.



Certificate Upgrade

- Educators holding Clear Renewable T, S, L or TS certificates at Level 4 or higher must complete advanced degrees per Cert Rule 505-2-.41.
- Educators holding Clear Renewable T, S, L, or TS certificates below Level 4 are not affected by the Certificate Upgrade rule and may earn advanced degrees at any GaPSC-accepted accredited college per Cert Rule 505-2-.02.



CERTIFICATE UPGRADE

Educators holding valid Non-Renewable certificates, Permits, or GaTAPP certificates at Level 4 or higher are not eligible to upgrade until they earn a Clear Renewable certificate.



Certificate Upgrade

Please email questions regarding advanced degree programs to:

certupgrade@gapsc.com



Certification Rule Work

NEW **TIERED CERTIFICATION RULE**

- Will result in a major number of rule changes
- Rule changes will be minor; mostly changing of wording
- GaPSC will stop issuing certificates until requested by employer; will issue certificates of eligibility instead
- Will initiate new rule February, 2014



Certification Rule Work

REVISE

ADJUNCT LICENSE RULE

- **Adding CTAE fields**
- **Teaching no more than 50% of school day**
- **To become effective 1/15/14**



Certification Rule Work

REVISE

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP RULE

- **New Alternative Route added**
- **HB 455/923 Language added**
- **Simplify current language**

Certification Rule Work



REVISE CTAE RULES

- New CTAE fields based on Federal guidelines
- Revision of Trade/Industrial and HSTE rules
- Effective 7/1/14

Certification Rule Work



New Trade & Industrial Fields

Audio/Video Technology & Film – name change

Barbering - new

Distribution & Logistics - new

Esthetics - new

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security – name change

Marine Service Technology - new

Nails - new

Endorsements



Work-Based Learning 6-12

- Formerly called Diversified Cooperative Training
- Coordinates classroom instruction with on-the-job work experiences
- Can be added to any Clear Renewable Level 4 or higher level teaching certificate

Endorsements



Culinary Arts Endorsement 6-12

- For Clear Renewable Family and Consumer Science 6-12 certificate holders only
- Programs limited in availability
- GaDOE program phased-out

Endorsements



Career Technical Instruction (CTI) 6-12

- Formerly called Related Vocational Instruction
- Must hold Clear Renewable Level 4 in a Special Education field as prerequisite
- Transition of students from school to life and work experiences

JROTC



Issued as Permit

- Hold official military retirement orders
- Can renew Permit or eventually convert to Clear Renewable via GaTAPP program
- Once Clear Renewable is issued becomes a TS field

Teaching Out-of-Field



- **Hold Clear Renewable Level 4 or higher level Teaching certificate**
- **Be employed in a field not listed on certificate**
- **HR Director requests Non-Renewable certificate while requirements are completed to add new field**



MyPSC Account

IMPORTANT!

All Georgia certificate holders
must have a **MyPSC** account

Register at www.gapsc.com

MyPSC Update



- **MyPSC** account required for GACE testing with ETS
- Once registered on **MyPSC** must select reason for testing
- Once approved to test on **MyPSC** can then register to take test on ETS website at **www.gace.ets.org**

GACE Update



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Always use **LEGAL NAME** when:

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- Applying for Certification

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GaPSC Online Application

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Certification Stats

Year	Calls	Email
2009	109,033	7,925
2010	101,012	23,055
2011	78,452	56,547
2012	81,267	128,510
2013	93,141	139,788



Certification Stats

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This Fiscal Year	<i>(Since July 1, 2013)</i>
Applications received	26,613
Educators newly certified	8,334
Certificate fields first issued	74,505
Educators renewed	17,873
Transactions completed	25,358



CERTIFICATION CONTACT INFORMATION

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