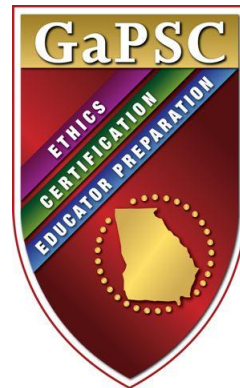


JROTC Certification

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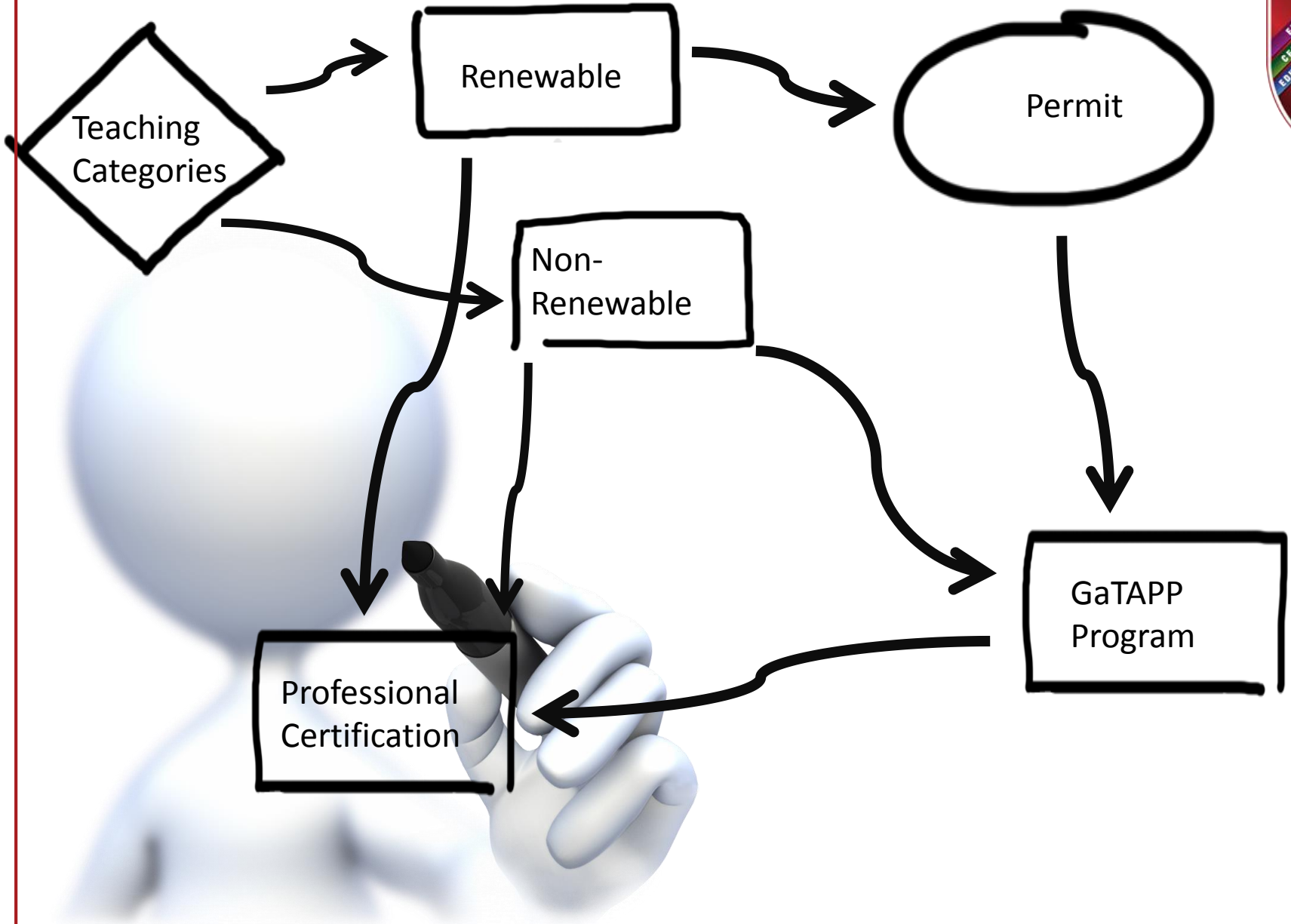
Agenda

- **Overview of Certification Structure**
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Certification Classification Structure

- Certification is classified according to **category, title, type, field, and level**.
- Certificates are grouped under two major categories based upon requirements needed for continued certification.
 - The **categories** are: Renewable and Non-Renewable.
- Titles of certificates identify the subcategories of certificates. The **Standard Professional** is one of ten titles.
- Types of certification identify ten school personnel functions, including teaching, service, leadership and **permitted personnel**.
- Teaching certificates are issued in **fields** that prepare an individual to teach the subject matter offered as a part of the school curriculum. These certificates are identified by the letter " T."
- The **level** assigned to a certificate indicates the highest degree level recognized by the PSC that has been awarded to the certificate holder.





The Permit

- The Permit is a type of certificate designed for individuals who qualify for fields with a combination of work experience, specified educational requirements and assessment(s).
- Permitted personnel function in the educational programs in the same manner as other certificate holders, and include: foreign language native speakers; performing artists from the fields of art, dance, drama or music; career/technical, **Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) personnel**; and leaders from business or other professions, government, military, etc.



JROTC Permit Requirements

Initial Permit Requirements:

(valid for 3 years)

- ✓ HS Diploma or GED
- ✓ Military Retirement Orders
- ✓ Employer Request

To extend for 3 years:

- ✓ GACE Program Admission Assessment (PAA)
- ✓ Professional Learning Plan (PLP)
- ✓ Completion of military branch JROTC Instructor Training
- ✓ Pass the GACE Educator Ethics Exit Assessment (Test 360)



Converting a Permit to Professional

Effective October 15, 2013, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission voted to amend the certification rules to allow for issuance of Professional certificates in JROTC.

JROTC Permit holders may convert to the Standard Professional certificate upon satisfying the following:

- ✓ Hold an associate's degree or higher
- ✓ Held the permit for a minimum of three years and met the extension requirements
- ✓ Complete GaTAPP program as verified by the program provider
- ✓ Meet all Special Georgia Requirements



Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP)

Non-Traditional Educator Preparation program leading to Induction or Professional certification for the general education teacher or CTAE teacher.

Designed for individuals with content knowledge, but lacking pedagogical practice.

Minimum education level, demonstration of content knowledge and program admission assessment entrance requirements.

In most cases, can be completed in as little as one school year.

Candidate supported by a Candidate Support Team trained in Coaching Standards and GaTAPP Assessments with an assigned mentor.



Standard Professional Certification

Under the GaPSC Tiered Certification structure implemented July 1, 2014, the Standard Professional certificate replaced the Clear Renewable certificate title.

The Standard Professional certificate requires:

- ✓ Completion of approved educator preparation program
- ✓ Verification of a minimum of three years of successful experience (experience earned while holding the Permit is acceptable)
- ✓ Meeting special Georgia requirements
- ✓ Employment by a local unit of administration (LUA)

Standard Professional certificates are valid for five years and are renewed upon completion of standard renewal requirements in place at the time of expiration.



Why Convert?

JROTC Permit holders have the option to convert to the Professional certificate, but it is not required. The GaPSC will continue to issue and renew JROTC Permits to eligible individuals.

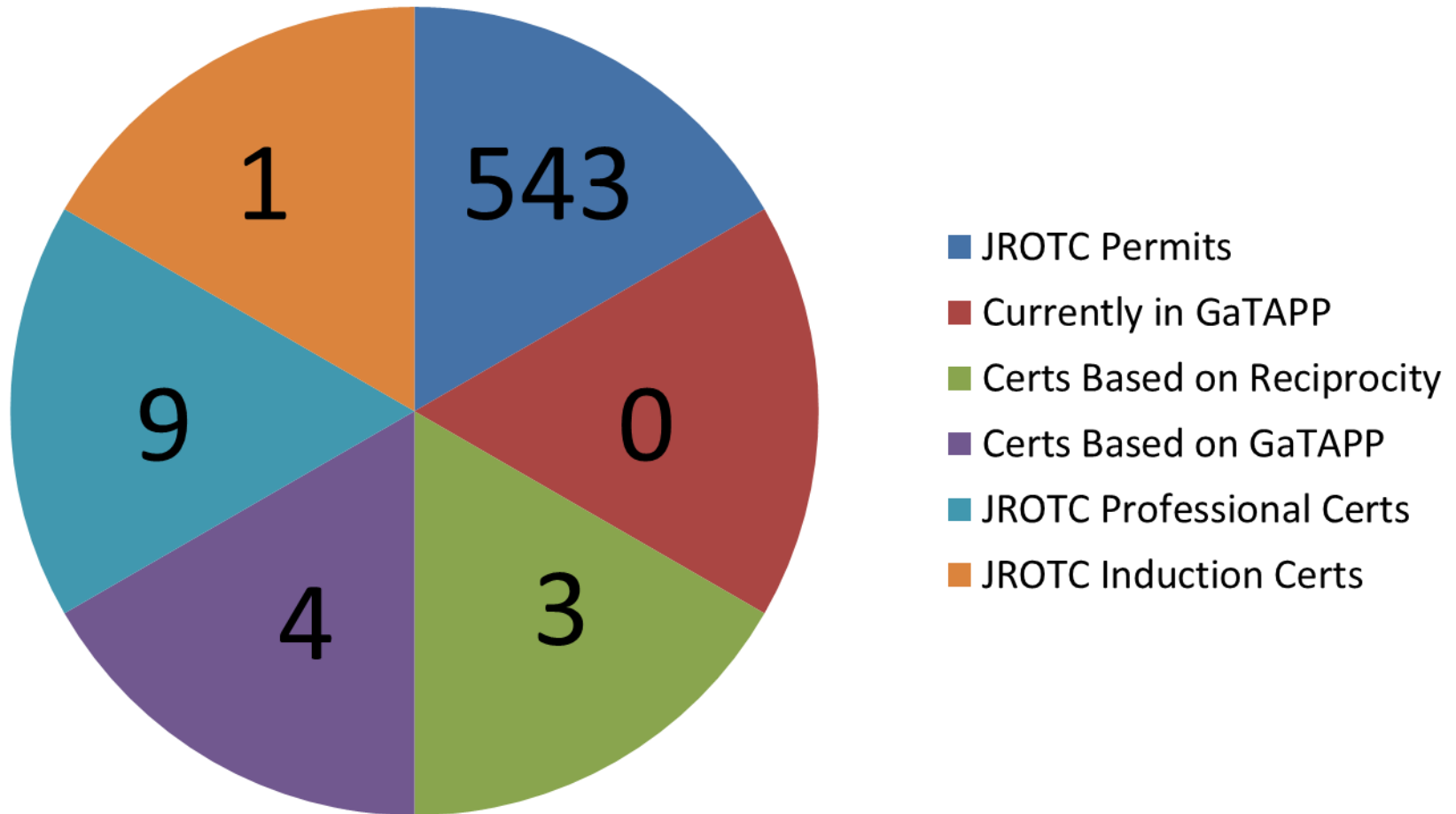
Many JROTC Permit holders felt that their qualifications, achievements and passion for education was not recognized because there was no option for JROTC certification beyond the permit.

Once the GaTAPP program is completed and the Professional JROTC certificate is issued, the certificate holder may add new teaching fields by passing the appropriate GACE content assessment (in most cases).

Once Professional JROTC certification is obtained, the certificate holder may complete certification programs to add new fields that cannot be added based on simply passing the GACE (i.e. Educational Leadership, Early Childhood Education, various endorsement fields).



JROTC Certification Statistics





Pertinent Certification Rules

Permit: <http://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.10.pdf>

Professional Certificate: <http://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.05.pdf>

Standard Renewal Requirements: <http://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.36.pdf>

Special Georgia Requirements: <http://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.24.pdf>

Career, Technical and Agricultural Education:
<http://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.08.pdf>

Career and Technical Specializations:
<http://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Certification/505-2-.90.pdf>



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Questions?

