



GACTE Fall Planning Meeting / Summer Board Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2023
Tift College of Education
Mercer University
Macon GA
10:00AM-2:00PM

Attendees 2022-23 AND 2023-24 Boards:

2022-2023 Board Members

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AGENDA

NOTE: ALL reports are to be written and emailed to jturner@cau.edu and sheri.hardee@ung.edu, in a form appropriate for Electronic Distribution Prior to Meeting. PLEASE SUBMIT NO LATER THAN COB JULY 14TH

- 10:00 Call to Order & Welcome** **President Fidel**
Approval Minutes **Secretary Rachel**
Approval Treasurer's Reports (*Posted Zoom*) **Treasurer Shannon**
Membership Update for 2022-23
Review/Evaluation Treasurer's Role /Contract
Planning for Audit
- For Shannon's protections, all Recent Auditors
Strongly Recommended an Annual Budget and Annual Audits=
- Motions and Recommendation:** **President Fidel**
- **Dues for 2023/24**
 - **Appointment/Action of Any Vacant Board Positions**
- Update: Teacher Pipeline Collaborative AACTE Grant** **Joe and Cindi**
- Work with GA Partnership for Excellence in Education
- Constitution and Bylaws Update**
Executive Director Report (Written/Posted) **Exec Director Cindi**
- Executive Director Evaluation
 - Motion and Approval: Contract Renewal for 2023-234
- 12:00 Working Lunch**
- 1:00 Communications: Update, Review & Board Recommendations** **Sheri and Paige**
- Web Site (clarifying to membership, the procedure for posting on web site)
 - GACTE Email Address (clarifying to membership, the procedure for using GACTE email)
- 1:30 Fall 2023 Conference Plans** **President Elect-Elect**
October 24, 25, 26 **Loleta and Sharon**
Host: Mercer University
Crowne Plaza, Peachtree City
- **Registration**
 - Conference Registration Cost
 - *Hotel Registration* -- Register on or before September 20, 2023
 - \$129 Standard King or Queen
 - Conference registration – (membership, non-members, days, etc.)
 - **Conference Theme:**
 - **Program Outcomes:**
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 - **Discussion, Motion and Approval Procedure for Actions outside Hotel Contract or ones that would impact overall costs, meeting F&B, etc.**
- Fall 2024 Conference Plans**
Hotel
- Committee Reports**

- Legislative
- Strategic Plan Implementation
- Research

Tom
Rhonda & Monica
Michelle

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Passing the Gavel to President Adrian Epps**
- **Adjourn**

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Names of Board Members Alerting the Executive Director that he/she will *NOT* attend the Summer Board Meeting:



**GACTE Fall Board Meeting
November 14, 2022**

Time: noon-2pm

Virtual Meeting/Zoom - <https://cauonline.zoom.us/j/97482806891>

Topic: GACTE Board Meeting

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Fidel welcomed the board.

Loleta updated the Board of our graphic designer's unexpected passing on November 6. Loleta asked the Board for approval to honor Christine Caesar and give her family money in lieu of flowers. Sharon seconded. The Board will come back and determine the amount that is appropriate to give her family.

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Conference Plans

GACTE Spring Conference (2023)*

Host Institution—Mercer University

April 19, 20, 21

Crowne Plaza Atlanta SW (Peachtree City)

Address: 201 Aberdeen Pkwy

Peachtree City, GA. 30269

Phone: (770) 487-2666

President Fidel

President-Elect Adrian

Team is working on planning the conference. Loleta spoke with Anne Marie Fenton about adding a strand for admissions and certifications officers similar to how we added

field directors. The group will be in touch with updates in a few weeks. Cindi requested an update from Loleta and Sharon on how we will deal with technology in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

President Joe

AACTE State Grant

Joe and Cindi, PIs

Met last Saturday with a great group. The notes will be distributed to PAGE and GAE and then to the teachers. We will do a presentation at AACTE. The Georgia Partnership asked us to do a longitudinal study with our preservice teachers. We will use the 39 preservice teachers in Savannah. The teachers will be followed for 5 years. Michele is going to work on a proposal.

Strategic Plan Implementation 2022-2025 Update

Rhonda Porter, Chair

Dr. Porter requested a copy of the strategic plan.

Bylaws Recommended Changes Update

Committee Appointed by Pres

Committee changes will go to membership for a vote. This includes Finance Committee and Communications Committee.

Finance Committee is under Article II, #5 and it states says the Treasurer, in conjunction with the Finance Committee and President, shall develop an annual budget to be presented for a vote on or before July 1st. Article 4, Item E states it states the Finance Committee will make a written report to the board each year. The Finance Committee members, President, and Treasurer shall develop an annual budget to be presented and voted on at the summer board meeting or through email vote on or before July 1.

Communication Committee - Communications Committee, two members of the association, so be appointed by the president to establish the most effective means of communicating with the member institutions. This committee will also maintain the GACTE.net website and related electronic communications. The Chair is a voting member of the Board and shall represent the committed at Board meetings and present a report. The other committee members are non-voting members of the Board and do not attend Board meetings unless invited by the President.

The external relations committee was a standing committee and it is not a permanent committee.

Cindi recommended adding all chairs and co-chairs of standing committees shall serve on the board of directors. It is happening but is not in the Bylaws. Add to Article 4, item A.

Motion to approve changes as well as recommendation to the standing committees (Sharon), second (Adrian). Adrian added a friendly amendment to add "Board meetings will be attended by chairs and co-chairs of standing committees" to Article 3, item D. Motion passed.

Next steps - Distribute to membership before the meeting and vote at the meeting.

Number of GACTE Conferences Annual/ Partnership with GATE

Loleta/Sharon

Fidel and Cindi spoke with Don Livingston/GATE. There does not seem to be interest to partner. GATE would like to add a GACTE track or 'add on' for their fall 2023 conference. Recommended to have more discussion to determine what we can do to partner or we need to go to state parks only because they are less expensive. There have been some concerns expressed from GAICTE colleges and universities on the cost of having two conferences each year. It is also stressful for the committee to put on two conferences, takes a lot of time and manpower.

Two questions have been added to a membership survey regarding location (central or move around) as well number of conferences each year. There was some concern over budget cuts. Suggestion to have a Deans and Associate Dean's convening and then maybe a conference one time per year. Sharon and Loleta will regroup after feedback from the membership.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Nominating Committee** **Past President Joe**
 - Joe presented the slate - Monica Willingham for President-Elect and Judi Wilson will be returning to the Board. Joe will present the slate of officers and call for other nominations at the business meeting. We will vote through a show of hands, not written ballot.
- **Policy and Legislative** **Tom**
 - Are we going to do Day on the Hill with GAEL and PAGE? We will need to determine this so we know how many lavaliers need to be ordered. There may be a need to split up so we can be represented at both.
- **Communications Update on Web Site Revisions** **Sheri and Paige**
 - Strategic plan is not on the website. It will be soon.
 - Sherri will bring a camera to the conference to get pictures of the Mentor Teachers.
 - Discussion about the website, specifically that it looks exactly the same as before and is not user friendly.
 - Need to make sure to add AACTE grant so the membership is aware we have the grant. We need to determine where it fits best on the website.
 - Discussion about how to drive traffic to the GACTE website, including. Suggestions including adding candidates to communications committee, add the website to a LinkedIn account, linking GAE and PAGE's websites,
- **Research** **Michele**
 - No updates.
Joe and Cindi will update Michele at the meeting next week.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Awards Committee** **Loleta /Sharon**
 - Cindi Chance Award and P20 Award winners (all but 2) will be attending the award ceremony.
 - Plans for 2023 Awards - we will work on in spring 2023

- Chance Award will be under the Awards Committee (Loleta and Sharon)

Agency Updates/Reports

- **GaPSC Updates**

Penney

- Annual Program and Certifications Conference was fairly consistent attendance with prior years.
- Third Quarter Highlights will be coming out in the next week.
- Rule Changes – Effective October 2022, amended Elementary Ag Education certification to provide two tracks – certified in elementary and need to add ag education OR for those certified in agriculture to add elementary pedagogy.
- Some rules open for public comment which ends November 23
 - Computer Science Micro-Endorsement
 - CTAE Rules – updating content standards
 - Financial Literacy – added to Business, Marketing, Family and Consumer Science, and Mathematics
 - Changes to the Code of Ethics
- Dr. Judi Wilson is now a member of the GaPSC Commission.

- **GaDOE Update**

Laine Reichert

- No report

- **USG Update**

Cynthia Bolton Gary

- No updates at this time, Transition and Reorganization at the USG
- Cynthia is now in Academic Innovation and oversees Ed Prep and Healthcare and Nursing.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:47pm.



President's Report



**Submitted by
Dr. J. Fidel Turner, Jr., GACTE President 2022-23
July 20, 2023**

July 2022

July 5 – GACTE Fall Conference Sub-Committee Meeting

July 19 – ACSR Southern Region Meeting

July 19 – GACTE Fall Conference Planning Meeting with Embassy Suites/Hampton Inn

July 20 – GACTE Fall Conference Planning Meeting

July 21 – GACTE Board Meeting – Dr. J. Fidel Turner, Jr. officially installed as 2022-23 GACTE President

August 2022

August 18 – Georgia's State Superintendents Candidates Forum @ Georgia Public Broadcasting

September 2022

September 1 – AAQEP and CAEP Agreement Meeting

September 14 – GAICTE Meeting

September 16 – GACTE Board Follow-up and Check-in Meeting

September 21 – GACTE Fall Conference Planning Meeting

September 23 – GaPSC HBCU Collaborative Meeting

September 29 – Atlanta Metro P-20 Fall Convening

October 2022

October 19 – GAICTE Meeting

October 20 – ACSR Southern Region Meeting

October 26 – State of Georgia HBCU Senate Study on Educational Technology and Innovation Convening, Clark Atlanta University

October 29 – GACTE Teacher Pipeline Convening, Mercer University – Atlanta Campus

November 2022

November 1 – AACTE Fall Virtual State Leaders Institute

November 2 – GACTE Fall Conference Planning Meeting

November 7 - GACTE Fall Conference Planning Meeting (AV)

November 14, 2022 – GACTE Board Meeting – Virtual

November 15-18 – 2022 GACTE Fall Conference, Savannah, GA



December 2022

December 6 - ACSR Southern Region Meeting

January 2023

January 17 - ACSR Southern Region Meeting

February 2023

February 10 - GACTE Conference Planning Check-In meeting (Zoom)

February 15 - Champions for Children Reception – Georgia Freight Ballroom, Atlanta, GA

Attendees: L. Chance, S. Hixon, F. Turner

February 23-25 – AACTE National Conference, Indianapolis, IN



March 2023

March 10 - GACTE Conference Planning Check-In Meeting (Zoom)

March 27 - ACSR Southern Region Meeting

April 2023

April 24 - ACSR Southern Region Meeting

May 2023

May 2 – GACTE Conference Planning Check-In Meeting (Zoom)

May 24 - ACSR Southern Region Meeting

June 2023

June 4-7 – AACTE Washington Week Conference



GACTE Members attending the 2023 AACTE Washington Week Convening



AACTE State Leaders attending the 2023 AACTE Washington Week Convening
Attendees: J. Peters, F. Turner

July 2023

July 11 - GACTE E-Board Planning Meeting (Zoom)

July 20 – GACTE Board Meeting & GACTE leadership transition to 23-24 President **Dr. Adrian Epps**
and President-Elect **Dr. Sheri Hardee**



Dr. Adrian Epps, 23-24 GACTE President
Dean, Bagwell College of Education
Kennesaw State University



**Dr. Sheri Hardee, 23-24 GACTE President-Elect
Dean, College of Education
University of North Georgia**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dr. J. Fidel Turner, Jr.

22-23 GACTE President

July 20, 2023

**Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (GACTE)
Treasurer's Report
Summer 2023**

Account (as of 7/17/2023)

Beginning Balance	
July 1, 2022	\$42,101.87
2022-2023 Revenue	
2022-2023 Conference	\$19,403.50
2022-2023 Membership Dues	\$8,320.00
2023-2024 Annual Expenses (non-conference)	
State of GA Annual Registration Fee - paid Jan. 2023	\$30.00
Website Hosting Agreement for 3/23 to 3/24: Jordan Crowl - paid June 2023	\$1,345.00
2022 990-EZ Taxes - paid April 2023	\$100.00
State Farm Insurance – due Aug. 2023	\$325.00
Executive Director's Salary (½ July-Dec. 2023 & ½ Jan.-June 2024) – due July 2023	
Current Balance	
Truist AACTE Grant Balance	\$5,309.57
Truist GACTE Balance	\$60,219.12
PayPal Balance (\$2,830.00 – \$59.75 fees)	\$2,770.25
Overall Balance	\$68,298.94
Notes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAGE \$1,000.00-mentor teacher sponsor-received June 2023 • GAE • GAEL 	

Membership Dues paid for 2023-24 (as of 7/17/2023)

Albany State University	
Atlanta Metro State College	
Augusta University	paid
Berry College	paid
Brenau University	
Brewton-Parker College	
Central Georgia Technical College	
Clark Atlanta University	paid
Clayton State University	
College of Coastal Georgia	
Columbus State University	
Covenant College	paid
Dalton State College	paid
Emmanuel College	
Fort Valley State University	
Georgia College & State University	
Georgia Gwinnett College	paid
Georgia Southern University	paid
Georgia Southwestern State University	paid
Georgia State University	paid
Gordon State College	paid

Griffin RESA	
LaGrange College	
Kennesaw State University	
Mercer University	paid
Middle Georgia State University	
Piedmont College	
Reinhardt University	
Savannah State University	paid
Shorter University	
South GA State College	
Spelman College	
Thomas University	
Toccoa Falls College	
Truett McConnell University	
University of Georgia	paid
University of North Georgia	
University of West Georgia	
Valdosta State University	paid
Wesleyan College	
Young Harris College	

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Conference Information

Fall 2022 Conference - November 16-18, 2022 - Savannah, Georgia	
PayPal Registration/Vendors/Sponsors	\$40,780.00
PayPal Fees	-\$855.48
PayPal Registration-Net	\$39,924.52
Truist Registration/Vendors/Sponsors	\$13,325.00
Total (PayPal & Truist) Registration/Vendors/Sponsors	\$53,394.52
Conference Expenses	-\$31,146.02
Mentor Teacher Awards	-\$2,700.00
Profit	\$19,403.50
Note: 1 outstanding invoice for \$300.00	

Fall 2023 Conference - October 25-27, 2023 – Peachtree City, Georgia	
PayPal Registration/Vendors/Sponsors	\$1,185.00
PayPal Fees	-25.05
PayPal Registration-Net	\$1,159.95
Truist Registration/Vendors/Sponsors (PAGE \$1,000.00-mentor teacher sponsor)	\$1,000.00
Total (PayPal & Truist) Registration/Vendors/Sponsors	\$2,159.95
Conference Expenses	
Mentor Teacher Awards	
Profit	
Note: Registration as of 7/3/2023: 14 (4 GaPSC + 10 EPP)	

Communications Committee 2022-2023 Report

This year, the GACTE Communications Committee focused on working with Jordan Crowl, the new GACTE webmaster, to get the new website up and running. This included transitioning all content from the old web destination to the new one, which entailed creating new pages for upcoming events (i.e., conferences) and developing new registration links for the annual conferences. Jordan successfully transitioned the old content and created new registration links. The chair of the Communications Committee met with Jordan, and he provided details on how to create new pages and manage/edit the current website. Much of this year was spent working out issues with conference registration, which involved the Communications Committee chair and the GACTE treasurer collaborating with the webmaster and GACTE members to troubleshoot regarding both conference registration and payment.

The Committee also began work on revising content, including updating board information, resources, the blog/news, the awards page, the GACTE home page, and the conference pages. While the conference details and troubleshooting took a great deal of time, now that we have this process under control and we are engaged in only one conference per year, it will be easier moving forward to focus on updating and revising website content and working on the overall “look” and feel of the site.

Additionally, the committee shared information via email with the GACTE listserv, as requested by the Executive Chair and President.

Moving forward, the communications committee would recommend a discussion with the board regarding the types of information that need to be sent via email and the types of information that need to be included on the website.

Communications Committee 2023-2024 Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Updated Content on Website

- Starting August 2023: Semesterly blog post by member of the board (or a designee, if you would like to assign this duty to someone else): We need updated information on our page and on our blog posts, and it would be great if we could highlight current topics in education written by our colleagues. We would like to develop a schedule where each board member is responsible for either writing or soliciting one blog post each semester for the course of the year. These would be due in August and January.

Goal 2: Connections with Candidates

- Creation of a GACTE LinkedIn group, which we can connect to the website.
- Links to scholarships for candidates
- Links to graduate programs (How do we want to structure this? Should we link to all member institutions graduate pages?)
- Links to PAGE and GAE websites

Goal 3: Highlighting Member Institutions

- Bi-Annual Highlights of Member Institutions: We will highlight one institution semesterly. Content and images will need to be submitted by the member institution in August and in January for website updates. This highlight could consist of a program or project from an institution or a spotlight on a faculty/staff member or student.

Goal 4: Highlighting Research that Advances the Field

- Our current “research” tab is sorely out of date. We need to include updated research that illustrates how our state is advancing the field of education. We could potentially create a “research of the year” award that we highlight and we could highlight all applicants plus the overall award recipient. We could parlay these into a journal, but that is another conversation ...

Other Communications Committee Duties

GACTE Emails

- Consider a GACTE Newsletter (email) for information that is not time-sensitive so that we are not over-sending emails or consider a place on the web to post conferences, positions, etc.
- Ask at the next GACTE or Ed RAC meeting if all deans receive emails from GaPSC. I get these three and four times, so I am not sure that we need to be sending them. If member institutions update their information in the Contact Management System, then they should all be receiving these.
- What types of information need to be emailed and what can be included on the website instead or in a monthly email/newsletter?
 - Emails from AACTE
 - Emails from CAEP
 - Emails from AAQEP
 - Emails from GaPSC
 - Emails regarding legislative issues/content

Conference Communications and Logistics

- Update website on a regular basis regarding the fall conference. This includes the following:
 - Maintaining the conference and registration pages and assisting/troubleshooting with issues regarding registration
 - Consulting with the Treasurer regarding payment issues related to registration.
 - Uploading the conference program to the website
 - Uploading sponsor information to the website
 - Sending the President addresses for all guest speakers and those who assisted with the conference after the event for thank-you cards

General Website Maintenance

- Update all web pages on a regular basis and ensure content is proofread and correct

- Solicit information from board members and institution members for updated website content
- Update website with meeting minutes, by-laws, strategic plans, and other official GACTE documents (ensure contact information remains private)

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Hardee, Chair, Communications Committee

July 12, 2023

GACTE Research Report
Submitted by Dr. Michele McKie, Chair
July 11, 2023

We recruited new members to the research committee to assist in the charge by the board to work on developing a call for proposals and to assist in the GACTE Teacher Pipeline Research.

Members of the committee include:

Michele	McKie	Georgia Southwestern State University
Kim	Muschaweck	Georgia College and State University
Suzanna	Roman-Oliver	Georgia College and State University
Amy	Sneed	College of Coastal Georgia
Diane	Vautrot	Young Harris College

The committee met during the spring 2023 semester to develop the call for proposals for the Fall 2023 GACTE Conference. The call was put on the GACTE website and emailed to members. I requested members forward the call to colleagues and others in P-12 and Higher Education institutions who may be interested. The deadline for proposals is July 31, 2023, but we are considering extending this call to August 31, 2023. Based on feedback from committee members and others I spoke to, it appears institutions are hesitant to send many to conferences with the budget cuts this year. Other colleagues with organizations requesting proposals have seen a decline in submitted proposals for the fall as well. At this time, we have received 5 completed proposals and 1 incomplete. Dr. Loleta Sarton and I spoke and plan to meet with the conference planning team in the coming week.

I worked with Dr. Joe Peters to present the GACTE Teacher Pipeline information during the Georgia Association of School Personnel on May 24. Dr. Peters let me know he will add me to the Qualtrics Survey site to continue collecting the data from the research.

**Educators: The Original First Responders
GACTE 2023 Fall Conference
Peachtree City, Georgia
October 25-27, 2023
Schedule at a Glance**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

10:00-1:00	GACTE Board Meeting
10:30-1:30	Registration (Mercer)
11:00-12:45	Luncheon (Restaurant)
1:00-1:15	Welcome
1:15- 3:00	Poverty Simulation
3:15-4:15	Opening Keynote Address 2019 National Teacher of the Year Rodney Robinson
5:00-until	Self Care: Wind Down
5:00-until	Candidate Self-Care: (GAE Sponsored)

Thursday, October 26, 2023

7:30-8:45	Breakfast
9:00- 9:45	Concurrent Sessions A
10:00-10:45	Concurrent Sessions B
11:00-12:45	Lunch and Visit Vendors
1:00-1: 45	Concurrent Session C
2:00-2:45	Concurrent Session D
2:45-3:15	Break and Visit Vendors
3:15-4:30	Closing Keynote Principal Gerry Brooks (Potential)

6:00 -7:30

Georgia Outstanding Mentor Teachers' Awards Dinner

Concurrent sessions will include updates from: PAGE Legislative, GaPSC, GOSA, GaDOE, Mentor Teachers, and Teacher Candidates Panel etc.

Friday, October 27, 2023

8:00 -9:00

Breakfast

9 :00 -9:45

Concurrent Sessions E

9:45-10:00

Break and Visit Vendors

10:00 -10:45

Concurrent Sessions F

10:45-11:00

Break and Visit Vendors

11:00-12:30

Luncheon



GaPSC Updates for GACTE Board Meeting July 2023

Implementation of Rule 505-3-.03, *Foundations of Reading, Literacy, and Language*

- All teacher preparation rules have been amended to incorporate reading/literacy requirements. The amended rules adopted July 13, 2023, will become effective August 15th, and will be posted on the [Educator Preparation Rules website](#) by that date.
- Rules for the fields of Educational Leadership, Literacy Specialist, and Reading (M.Ed.), as well as the Reading Endorsement were also amended to address new reading/literacy requirements.
- EPP implementation requirements and reporting timelines (10/18/23 and 10/23/24) are described in the *Foundations of Reading, Literacy, and Language Implementation Guide for EPPs*. Be sure to utilize the latest version (1.2, July) of the *Guide*, which is available on the [GaPSC EPP Resources webpage](#).
- With collaborative input from the field, the GACE Assessment program will be modified where needed to ensure alignment with the standards in Rule 505-3-.03. Further details will be provided to EPPs as this work progresses.

Rule 505-3-.01 Guidance Updates

Recent amendments to [Rule 505-3-.01](#) are reflected in the Guidance document, available on the [GaPSC EPP Resources webpage](#). Amendments adopted by the Commission on July 13, 2023, will be reflected in a later version of the Guidance document (anticipated by late August).

Other Rule Changes

- Amendments to [Rule 505-3-.48](#), formerly titled *Foreign Language Education Program*, became effective July 1, 2023. The title is now *World Languages Education Program*, and the revised standards are adapted from the standards published by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) (2013, 2015).
- In addition to reading/literacy-related amendments, [Rule 505-3-.19](#), *Middle Grades Education Program*, was updated to reflect the standards published by the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) for Middle Level Teacher Preparation (2022), as well as current content area standards for language arts, mathematics, science, and social science.

Resources for Candidates, EPPs, Educators, and Employers

New instructional videos are available on the [GaPSC website](#). These brief videos are focused on common areas in which pre- and in-service educators often have questions and need assistance. For example, among the many videos your candidates will find helpful are, *How to Register for MyPSC* and *How do I submit PAQs*. Also available are multiple resources you can use to help candidates understand the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators.

Do you offer Curriculum and Instruction? If so, please consider adding a certification-only option.

Although we encourage Georgia educators to complete GaPSC-approved programs in this field, many continue to complete out-of-state programs that do not lead to certification. As the Conversion Mechanism is no longer available, these educators will be required to complete a certification-only program to add Curriculum and Instruction certification and earn an upgrade. Contact your GaPSC Education Specialist for information on adding a certification-only program. Also, please remind your candidates and P-12 partners about the importance of using the [GaPSC Certificate Upgrade Advisor](#) tool prior to enrolling in an advanced degree program for a certificate upgrade.